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Senate Resolution No. 173

BY: Senator PARKER

HONORING Rachel Amar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association on January 28, 2023

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Rachel Amar, who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rachel Amar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association to be celebrated at its I Am Beautiful Conference Award Ceremony on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at K & L Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, An empowering networking group, ANS Association assists men, women and youth with education and mentorship while providing vital resources and development; truly dedicated to its community, this extraordinary organization supports countless individuals through its many initiatives, including food distribution, health care fairs, business expos, networking events and youth empowerment groups; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Amar currently serves as the Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), New York City's independent administrative law court which conducts

nearly 300,000 hearings each year, providing fair and timely hearings and trials; she was appointed to this esteemed position in 2016 after serving as the Director of Special Projects at DSNY and a distinguished career in the waste and environmental industry; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Rachel Amar works with OATH's Commissioner and executive staff on policy as well as creating, developing, and implementing innovative programs and events with the public to help inform them of due process and empower them with access to justice; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Rachel Amar was the Test and Trace Liaison for the agency, and worked with communities across the city to assist individuals in gaining access to the COVID test and trace program and COVID vaccines; she worked closely with the Department of Health(DOH) to help with vaccine hesitancy in faith-based communities; and

WHEREAS, With nearly three decades of experience working with communities, elected officials and government agencies in the public and private sector, Rachel Amar received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology; she also studied Business and International Studies at Binghamton University, as well as Sustainability and Business at Bard College; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Amar completed a justice focused data analytics training program co-sponsored by the University of Chicago, New York University, and the University of Maryland, and completed Cornell University's New York State Citizen Public Health Training Program

focused on helping our communities stay safe during the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Rachel Amar is co-founder of both the Asian American Small Business Task Force and Moroccan Organization for Development of Africa (MODA); and

WHEREAS, In addition to being named a "40 under 40" Rising Star, Rachel Amar was named a Brooklyn COVID Hero by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams for her social justice work helping the city throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rachel Amar has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Rachel Amar, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rachel Amar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by ANS Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rachel Amar.