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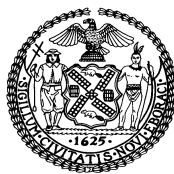
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We all know the expression “a chain is only as strong as its weakest link”, but seldom do we talk about the chain builders, the organizations and people who form the links that hold us together. Tonight we honor some of our community’s strongest links. I am proud to join **Riverstone Senior Life Services** in recognizing the significant and meaningful contributions of

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We all – seniors, those of use chasing on their heels and juniors – are better off for the time, expertise and service these four individuals have provided to our community. Thank you each and congratulations.

I would be truly remiss if I did not use this unique opportunity to recognize a master chain builder – **REBECCA CAREL**. I have known Becky for decades, ever since our children were little tykes in the early grades at PS/IS 187. She is a passionate, informed and articulate advocate – no matter what the cause. But Becky has been an exceedingly effective leader on behalf of Washington Heights senior residents. Whether one thinks of the development of innovative programs such as her work on behalf of Alzheimer’s patients and caregivers, the collaborative sharing of information through the Washington Heights Inwood Coalition on Aging, her battles with the bureaucracy or her concise analyses of the consequences that proposed DFTA budget cuts will produce, Becky Carel has been a super strong link – one forged of titanium. Our good wishes go with you as you craft the next link on your personal chain.

In Unity,

Robert Jackson