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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Fort Greene Council, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Fort Greene Council, Inc., to be celebrated at its Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Since 1973, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. has provided services primarily to senior citizens in Central Brooklyn; its mission is to address critical needs of the elderly in Central Brooklyn, and in its commitment to serve the community, the Council expanded its focus to encompass two Day Care Centers; and

WHEREAS, In 1982 and 1984 respectively, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. became the sponsoring organization for the Young Minds Day Care Center and Bedford Avenue Family and Group Day Care Center, providing group, after school and family day care; the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program became a part of its child care programs in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. sponsors 15 Senior Centers and two day care centers; senior centers provide comprehensive services to the elderly including breakfast, lunch, home delivered meals, educational and recreational programs and activities, legal assistance, social services, transportation services, and information and referral services; and

WHEREAS, Likewise, the day care programs have been an integral part of the Bedford Stuyvesant and Fort Greene Communities in Brooklyn, providing quality early childhood education; its Universal Pre-Kindergarten provides services to children four years of age and its Out of School Time Program serves school age children; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1990, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. launched

Jazz 966 to promote jazz in the community to seniors and the public at large; on Friday nights, Jazz 966 provides a warm, comfortable and family setting for jazz in Central Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Fort Greene Council, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fort Greene Council, Inc.