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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 15th Anniversary of Joloff Restaurant to be celebrated on Friday, July 23, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the milestones of those illustrious culinary establishments which have positively impacted and substantially contributed to the vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Joloff Restaurant, to be celebrated on Friday, July 23, 2010, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joloff is a West African restaurant specializing in Senegalese cuisine; its most popular dish is the Senegalese national dish called Tiebou Jeun (baked fish, joloff rice and veggies); and

WHEREAS, Another one of Joloff's specialties is its homemade juices which are all freshly made; the restaurant is one of the few West African restaurants serving primarily vegetarian food; in addition, they serve vegan food; and

WHEREAS, Originally, the recipes were developed in order to feed owner Papa Diagne's Rastafarian friends, who were vegetarians, and he later realized that there was an even greater need for vegetarian food in Brooklyn; since 1995, Joloff Restaurant has been visited regularly not only by the local community, but also by a number of celebrities; and

WHEREAS, Some of those celebrities who have been regulars at Joloff include: Sizzla, AKON, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, Erykah Badu, M1, Kevin Powel and Isac Debancole; the restaurant was featured in the DAILY NEWS, THE NEW YORK TIMES, the NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, in Eat and OCSNews; and

WHEREAS, Papa Diagne feels that his restaurant helps many different people discover not just the food but also the Senegalese way of living,

along with the culture; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success of this exceptional restaurant, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling success it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Joloff Restaurant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Papa Diagne, Owner, Joloff Restaurant.