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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Council of Urban Professionals upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Leadership Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the Council of Urban Professionals upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Leadership Gala on Thursday, April 7, 2011, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization representing and advocating for the social, political and economic interests of urban professionals; and

WHEREAS, CUP develops diverse business and civic leaders, empowering them to exert influence, achieve their individual goals, and create collective impact; and

WHEREAS, The CUP Leadership Gala is instrumental in supporting its efforts to place diverse professionals and women on Boards, in hosting numerous networking events in order to support minority and women-owned business enterprises, and in providing extra instruction to high school students in its REACH program to reward achievement on Advanced Placement; and

WHEREAS, This year, CUP will be paying tribute to leaders who strive for education reform, corporate diversity, and public service; these outstanding individuals have made a real difference in both New York and

in the lives of urban professionals; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees include: AT&T, Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award; Russell Simmons, Distinguished Philanthropist & Entrepreneur Leadership Award; and Kathryn Wylde, New York City Vision Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of their achievements, the CUP Leadership Gala will convene a high profile group of corporate, nonprofit, and elected leaders to enjoy a sophisticated evening of fine food, compelling entertainment and dynamic conversation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Council of Urban Professionals upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Leadership Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Council of Urban Professionals, and to the aforementioned honorees.