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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American Cancer Society of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its Pink and Black Tie Gala

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 which 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 commend the American Cancer Society of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its Pink and Black Tie Gala on Thursday, May 12, 2011; and WHEREAS, This fine event is to also acknowledge several distinguished honorees, including: Steven Cohen, General Manager of the Brooklyn Cyclones Organization; Antonio D. Martin, Executive Director of Kings County Hospital Center; and Malik Yoba, Actor, Educator, Inspirational Speaker and Author; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Pink and Black Tie Gala is to raise funds in support of the American Cancer Society of Brooklyn's Regional Office; the office is dedicated to serving the more than 10,000 Brooklyn residents who are diagnosed with cancer each year in many critical forms; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society (ACS) of Brooklyn is the local chapter of the national organization, and like all local ACS chapters, it focuses on service, raising funds to pay for these programs, and the national American Cancer Society research program which is the largest private cancer research program in the world; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society was started by a group of volunteers in 1913 in New York City; it has since grown into one of the largest nonprofit health organizations in the United States; while most of its focus through the 20th century has been on raising funds for research, the American Cancer Society also became increasingly committed to having a significant public health impact on cancer; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organiza-

tions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Cancer Society of Brooklyn upon the occasion of hosting its Pink and Black Tie Gala; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Cancer Society of Brooklyn, and to the aforementioned honorees.