

## 2011-J1632

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending In Our Own Voices upon the occasion of being named a 2011 Honoree by the Lark Street Business Improvement District on May 5, 2011

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 commend In Our Own Voices upon the occasion of being named a 2011 Honoree by the Lark Street Business Improvement District, to be celebrated at its Champagne on the Park, All That Glimmers event on Thursday, May 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Lark Street Business Improvement District works to build, sustain and enhance a unique and prosperous living and business community for the residents, visitors, and merchants of the Lark Street Neighborhood of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Its annual fundraising event, Champagne on the Park, All That Glimmers is dedicated to sustaining and promoting the economic and urban development of this unique neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, 2011 Honoree, In Our Own Voices is an autonomous organization, dedicated to addressing the many needs and ensuring the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural, and economic survival and growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) minority communities; and

WHEREAS, In Our Own Voices plays an important role in creating community change through its numerous services and projects including advocacy and education projects, substance abuse and recovery projects, anti-violence programs, community organizing projects, family wellness programs, and social activities; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 In Our Own Voices upon the occasion of being named a 2011 Honoree by the Lark Street Business Improvement District on May 5, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to In Our Own Voices, 245 Lark Street, Albany, New York 12210.