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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger upon the occasion of its 2011 Harvest Under the Stars Spring Benefit and Awards Reception honoring Dr. Lucy Cabrera and James E. Caldwell

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 that are devoted 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 congratulate the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger upon the occasion of its 2011 Harvest Under the Stars Spring Benefit and Awards Reception honoring Dr. Lucy Cabrera and James E. Caldwell; this auspicious occasion will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Brooklyn Children's Museum in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger is a non-profit organization, working vigorously to end hunger in the Bedford-Stuyvesant/Brownsville/Ocean Hill neighborhoods of Brooklyn; it provides emergency food, and other social services including Food Stamp screenings, Brooklyn's only community focused urban garden and assistance with enrollment in publicly-supported health insurance; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger is to end hunger by distributing food and empowering families through information and support, which will give both strength and dignity to the community; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished honorees at the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger's 2011 Harvest Under the Stars Spring Benefit and Awards Recep-

tion are: Dr. Lucy Cabrera, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Food Bank for New York City, and James E. Caldwell, President of the 77th Precinct Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Cabrera, Ph.D., CAE, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Food Bank For New York City; she led the organization through the acquisition of FoodChange, whose programs have been fully integrated into the Food Bank's comprehensive hunger relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, After 23 years of leading the Food Bank For New York City, Dr. Lucy Cabrera recently announced her plans to retire as its President and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Lucy Cabrera's skilled and inspired direction, the Food Bank's mission has expanded beyond food to include ongoing support and resources that enable food programs to build capacity and connect their communities with a continuum of benefits and services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cabrera's distinguished career in nonprofit management started at Greater Hartford Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, where she was Vice President, and continued at Casa Colina Career Development Center in California where, as Chief Operating Officer, she directed vocational rehabilitation programs in several cities; prior to embarking on her nonprofit career, Dr. Cabrera gained corporate experience at Union Carbide of New York and Connecticut and Goya Foods of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucy Cabrera received a Ph.D. and a Master of Science from Columbia University, a Master of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Arts from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico; she is also a Certified Association Executive; and

WHEREAS, James E. Caldwell currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Brooklyn United for Innovative Local Development (BUILD); through BUILD he has galvanized and constructively engaged over 350 local business owners, professionals, parents, residents and youth

to create and establish a venue for authentic community partnership with public and private development projects; and

WHEREAS, BUILD's mission is to connect community residents and businesses to economic and community building opportunities generated by development projects; James E. Caldwell's commitment to BUILD reflects his understanding that many of the community challenges he has been combating over the past 11 years are related to the lack of equitable access to opportunities in the pursuit of prosperity among all youth, adults and businesses; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James E. Caldwell serves as President of the 77th Precinct Community Council; over the past seven years under his leadership, the 77th Precinct Community Council has evolved into one of the most productive and engaged precinct councils in New York City; and WHEREAS, James E. Caldwell also serves as the Board Chairperson for the North Crown Heights Family Outreach Center, which illustrates his commitment to family preservation and helping people conquer the challenges of alcohol and drug addiction; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, James E. Caldwell served as Chairperson for the Ryerson Street Veterans Committee; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger, and to honor Dr. Lucy Cabrera and James E. Caldwell; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger upon the occasion of its 2011 Harvest Under the Stars Spring Benefit and Awards Reception honoring Dr. Lucy Cabrera and James E. Caldwell; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger, 2010 Fulton Street,

Brooklyn, New York 11233, and to Dr. Lucy Cabrera and James E. Caldwell.