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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wayne Chambers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wayne Chambers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre on Sunday, June 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Chambers is being honored for his support of Caribbean Cultural Theatre and its current project "Poets & Passion V - Celebration of the Word"; and

WHEREAS, The Caribbean Cultural Theatre is a Brooklyn, New York, based performing arts ensemble dedicated to presenting a balanced rendering of Caribbean culture and the Caribbean-American experience; and

WHEREAS, The Poets & Passion series was created as an outlet for talented Caribbean and Caribbean-American writers and spoken word artists to engage New York area audiences; it has also afforded those audiences, irrespective of background, opportunities to explore the bitter-sweet narratives of the immigrant experience in inviting ways through the simple act of telling a good story; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Chambers, also known as "jaBEZ" is a performance poet, lyricist and graphic artist; he is a graduate of the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts and former coordinator for the Poetry Society of Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, An artful practitioner of Dub Poetry, Wayne Chambers's work is an exotic fusion of Jamaican musical forms of reggae, ska, and folk

with jazz and r & b wrapped around verses of social consciousness and personal struggle; his reflective rhymes and frenzied performance style have been featured at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and Nuyoricans Poets Cafe in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Chambers has also served as the opening act for such international renowned artists as Jamaican dub poet Oku Onoura, British Grammy Award nominee Linton Kwesi Johnson, and late South African reggae sensation Lucky Dube; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Chambers currently works for Brooklyn Law School supervising the Events Office; he is a true asset to society; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Wayne Chambers's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wayne Chambers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wayne Chambers.