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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending THE NETWORK JOURNAL upon the occasion of hosting its 14th Annual 40 Under-Forty Black Achievement Awards Ceremony

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 THE NETWORK JOURNAL upon the occasion of hosting its 14th Annual 40 Under-Forty Black Achievement Awards Ceremony; and WHEREAS, Held on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in New York City, this special event honors men and women under 40 years old whose professional accomplishments have significantly impacted an industry or profession, and who also have made an important contribution to their community; and

WHEREAS, THE NETWORK JOURNAL (TNJ) is a monthly print and online business magazine for Black professionals and business owners; it was founded in 1993, and is dedicated to educating and empowering its readers by the following: providing news and commentary on issues that affect the growth of business and the advancement of professionals in the workplace; featuring successful entrepreneurs and professionals who offer insights on business- and career-building strategies; highlighting business and career trends in key industries; providing information on valuable resources in the government, corporate and not-for-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, Each issue of TNJ also contains articles on technology, health, personal finance and entertainment; in addition to the magazine, TNJ hosts two signature events that honor professionals in the business world through its 25 Influential Black Women in Business Luncheon, and the 40 Under Forty-Black Achievement Awards Ceremony; and WHEREAS, The growing success of TNJ can be witnessed through the many

awards it has received from prominent local organizations; it has been honored by: the U. S. Small Business Administration for its "outstanding commitment to America's small business"; the National Minority Business Council, Inc., for "outstanding performance in media communications to the minority community"; and by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency for "outstanding commitment and positive contribution to the MBE Community"; it has also been featured on CNN and Fox Television Network, and has been profiled in THE DAILY NEWS, DIASPO-RA MAGAZINE along with several other publications; and WHEREAS, Ably led by Founder and Publisher Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, TNJ continues to prosper today and into the future; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend THE NETWORK JOURNAL upon the occasion of hosting its 14th Annual 40 Under-Forty Black Achievement Awards Ceremony; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aziz Gueve Adetimirin, Founder and Publisher of THE NETWORK JOURNAL.