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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America upon the occasion of hosting its 19th Annual National Convention

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America upon the occasion of hosting its 19th Annual National Convention on September 8-11, 2011, at the Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The event will attract eminent Yoruban leaders from Nigeria and in the Diaspora including governors, lawmakers, traditional rulers, religious leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals from diverse fields; and

WHEREAS, The Yoruba are a nationality with a numerical strength of over 50 million, the majority of whom live in southwestern Nigeria in West Africa; the National Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America is an umbrella organization for Yoruban migrants in the United States and Canada with over 18 member chapters across the region; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Yoruba Descendants (Egbe Omo Yoruba) New York and Greater New York are members of the National Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America and are co-hosting the 2011 National Convention; both organizations enjoy their not-for-profit status with philanthropic, cultural and heritage missions that people of African descent strongly identify with; and

WHEREAS, This festivity will provide a marvelous opportunity for networking and also foster public-private partnership as it focuses on economic and political empowerment of the Yoruba Nation with a particular emphasis on the role of the Diaspora community beyond 2011; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1993, the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba

Descendants in North America has transformed into a formidable entity serving and promoting the interests and welfare of Yorubans through unity and empowerment of the Yoruba in Nigeria and around the world; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America upon the occasion of hosting its 19th Annual National Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba Descendants in North America, and the Egbe Omo Yoruba Association of Yoruba Descendants in New York and Greater New York.