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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, President of World Trade Promotion Center, Inc., and extending a warm welcome to him upon the occasion of his visit to the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this Legislative Body to welcome and pay tribute to Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, the President of World Trade Promotion Center, Inc., upon the occasion of his visit to the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, World Trade Promotion Center, Inc. is a Brooklyn based producer and distributor of American Food and Agriculture commodities; this valuable corporation markets its products under the New Market Foods, American Halal, American Grain Products and Soya America brands; and

WHEREAS, A native of Bangladesh, Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman migrated to the United States with his family in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Zaman, he earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Pharmacy; his wife, Saiveda Akhter, also holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Pharmacy; together, they are the proud parents of one child, Istiak Zaman, a 9th grade National Honor student; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Khaliquzzaman is a community leader in his Brooklyn neighborhood, where he serves as a Board Member for the Dahil Neighborhood Association, District 12, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association, and was elected President of the Parent Teacher Association of I.S. 220 from 2007 thru 2009; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the World Trade Promotion Center, Inc. was the sponsor of a series of non-partisan community programs in advance of the 2001 national election in Bangladesh; the programs focused on strength-

ening the future of Bangladesh, encouraging women to vote and become more active in the democratic process, and emphasizing how a stable Bangladesh would bring foreign investment and improve opportunities; and WHEREAS, In response to the 9/11 attacks, Zaman Khaliquzzaman called a press conference to condemn the human tragedy and explained to the people of Bangladesh how this act of terrorism destroyed relations among the nations; and

WHEREAS, He also sponsored a series of religious and civic events in Dhaka that stressed the need for unity among all people and condemned international terrorism; this was the first time that such an assembly of clergy was present together on one day in Bangladesh; and

WHEREAS, Today, in our post-9/11 society, Zaman Khaliquzzaman continues to strive to facilitate better understanding between the United States and the rest of the Muslim World; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, and to extend a warm welcome to him upon the occasion of his visit to the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Abu Naser Khaliquzzaman, President, World Trade Promotion Center, Inc., Brooklyn, New York.