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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Scholarship & Awards Spring Gala

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 Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Scholarship & Awards Spring Gala on Friday, May 4, 2012, at the Brooklyn Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the Community Pillar Award include: Frederick Morton, Founder of TEMPO Networks, LLC; Davis "Junior" Gayle, Owner of Tropical Paradise Caterers and Restaurant; Dr. John E. Harvey, President of DAH Consulting, Inc.; and Ricardo "Back 2 Basics" Gomez, B2B Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, In addition, other distinguished honorees and awards include: Ann-Rhea Smith, Publicist of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, Bridge Builder Award; Kesha Shortt, Director of Get R.I.C.H. Youth Program, Employee of the Year; Marsha Escayg, co-founder of Foreign Accent, Inc. and Owner of Desire New York City, Parent of the Year; Janet Cummings, Vice Chairperson of Sesame Flyers International, Foundation Award; Luzett Logan, Social Worker for the Center for Family Support, Volunteer of the Year Award; and Dr. Una Clarke, President of Una Clark Associates, Visionary Award; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. is a community based not-for-profit 501(c) 3 corporation founded in 1983; this 29 year-old organization functions as a multiservice agency which provides a number of services to both youths and adults; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. consists of both volunteers and professional staff, dedicated to empowering the lives of young people and the community; its mission is to provide a range of youth

development, cultural, social welfare and supportive services to individuals and families residing in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. also takes pride in its origins and cultural Caribbean heritage and has enriched its name from also being known for its participation in the West Indian American Day Carnival festivities such as Kiddie's Carnival, Panorama and Labor Day, which is the adult parade of the band; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. understands that part of loving children means presenting them with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, technology and equipment that will prepare them for the challenges yet to come; its goal of youth empowerment is achieved and maintained through carefully structured programs designed to address the needs of its children, their families and the community; 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 Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Scholarship & Awards Spring Gala; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sesame Flyers International, Inc., and to the aforementioned honorees.