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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the South Side Innovation Center upon the occasion of its designation as Incubator of the Year by the National Business Incubator Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful efforts of those organizations that devote their purpose to promoting economic vitality and service the public need; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the South Side Innovation Center upon the occasion of its designation as Incubator of the Year by the National Business Incubator Association; and

WHEREAS, The South Side Innovation Center received this most auspicious award from the 1,900-member National Business Incubator Association at the group's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Started in 2006, the South Side Innovation Center incubator is a program of the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, The South Side Innovation Center has spaces for 27 businesses and has more than 300 entrepreneurs involved in programs; and

WHEREAS, The South Side Innovation Center practices inclusive entrepreneurship which includes helping aspiring business owners repair their credit ratings, deal with non-business issues that might be holding them back, and provides practical training in human resource management, writing a business plan and using basic accounting software; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the South Side Innovation Center, and recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue its outstanding efforts in support of small businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the South Side Innovation Center upon the occasion of its designation as Incubator of the Year by the National Business Incubator Asso-

ciation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the South Side Innovation Center.