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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Raymone George upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2012 Halo Hit Award by Nickelodeon

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Raymone George upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2012 Halo Hit Award by Nickelodeon; and

WHEREAS, A member of CAMBA, Raymone George won the "Halo Hit" award, a surprise award at the Nickelodeon Halo Awards; this ceremony is a celebration of remarkable young people from across the country who are making a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, A former gang member, Raymone now volunteers at CAMBA's Beacon 269 program, teaching young children and teens how to dance; in addition, he serves on the Advisory Group for the Flatbush Promise Neighborhood Initiative and leads an award-winning step team, Colors of Peace; and

WHEREAS, Raymone George discovered a passion for dancing at the Beacon Center, an after school program that provides a safe haven in neighborhoods where poverty and crime is prevalent; dancing allowed him to work out his frustrations in a creative and healthy manner and he credits it for keeping him out of trouble; and

WHEREAS, Raymone George currently spends time choreographing and coaching the Center's 10-14 year old dance troupe and works one-on-one with kids who are struggling; his HALO match, Ne-Yo, supports Boys & Girls Clubs of America and founded the Compound Foundation which is committed to increasing awareness about the status of children in the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, The organization also supports and partners with residential care facilities and independent group homes through programs aimed at teaching entrepreneurship and life skills that will empower them to become productive, successful, and independent adults; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Raymone George's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Raymone George upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 2012 Halo Hit Award by Nickelodeon; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymone George.