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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Something Positive, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations that devote their time and energies to the cultural enrichment of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Something Positive, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala on Saturday, June 8, 2013, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This fine event will feature "Ancestral Chant" which celebrates the life and artistic legacy of an iconic stalwart of African American and Caribbean Culture; this individual was Cheryl Byron, the Rapso music pioneer, dancer and founder of Something Positive, Inc.; and WHEREAS, Something Positive, Inc. is an African Caribbean performance arts organization dedicated to the art and culture of the African Diaspora; utilizing a unique blend of poetry, storytelling, theater, music and dance, it specializes in multi-media performing art presentation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to participating with other community and international organizations in exhibitions, conferences, tours, conventions and various educational programs, Something Positive, Inc. works in collaboration with several organizations including Caribbean Cultural Center, American Museum of Natural History, Henry Street Settlement Theater and the West Indian American Day Carnival Association; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Something Positive, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Something Positive, Inc.