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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 36th Anniversary of the Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES to be celebrated on May 29, 2014

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 that are devoted 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 commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES to be celebrated at its reception and benefit on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at The Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES was founded in 1978 by retired Hispanic senior citizens who saw the need for an organization which would provide services, educate, and organize the Latino, minority, and low income community aged in the borough of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, This worthy organization's mission is to respond to the unmet needs of their constituency, and to improve their quality of life through advocacy and the direct provision of targeted services with work across the generations, as well as a particular emphasis on the needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, one of the council's major accomplishments and the catalyst for its growth was the development of RAICES; RAICES became the model program on the application of the principles of cultural competency as a means by which to reach underserved minority populations, and thereby increase access to aging services; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, RAICES continues to expand the vision that was realized by its founding members; today, it operates nine

programs that primarily serve the elderly in the borough of Brooklyn and Queens, New York, which include seven senior centers, a case management program, and an outpatient licensed mental health clinic; and

WHEREAS, The Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES is a solid cornerstone of the community, and stands ready to continue its important mission of improving the lives of Latino, minority, and low income elderly individuals for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations such as Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES which serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES to be celebrated on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Spanish Speaking Elderly Council-RAICES.