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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to this year's honorees in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month at the "Honoring Our Local Heroes" celebration on February 28, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those events and individuals who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize these important events which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to this year's honorees in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month at the "Honoring Our Local Heroes" celebration, to be held at the Wayside Manor, Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday, February 28, 2015; this year's keynote speaker is Congressman Hakeem Jeffries; and

WHEREAS, This year's illustrious honorees include Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, 9th District; M. Zidde Hamatheite, Pastor of Wayside Baptist Church; Scott Schuster, Kings Collegiate Charter School; Detective Dawn Townsend, New York Police Department Brooklyn, North; Deacon Elwood Whitney, Entrepreneur; and Reverend Dr. Robert Waterman, African American Clergy Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, February has been designated as Black History Month in our Nation to celebrate and recognize the contributions of the Black community; this joyful month-long celebration is held across New York State and America to fittingly note the contributions of African Americans throughout history and in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the struggles and victories of African Americans throughout our country's history and to recognize their numerous valuable contributions to the protection of our democratic society in times of war and in peace; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to this year's honorees in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month at the "Honoring Our Local Heroes" celebration on February 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.