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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Fundraising Gala, on May 24, 2015, and paying special tribute to this year's Outstanding Citizenship Hall of Fame Award Honorees

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 who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Fundraising Gala on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at Adria Hotel and Conference Center in Bayside, Queens, and to pay special tribute to this year's Outstanding Citizenship Hall of Fame Award Honorees; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion recognizes the achievements of MIPO, Inc. honorees for their contribution and commitment to the communities they serve; the 2015 Outstanding Citizenship Hall of Fame Award Honorees include: Dr. Daniel Beauzil, Educator and Writer; Honorable Judge Christina Claudette Bonne-Annee, Administrative Law Judge at Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; Gerard J. Cadet, Vice President at 1199 SEIU; Marie Desforges, Assistant Principal at NYC DOE; Mathylde Frontus, Executive Director at Urban Neighborhood Services, Inc.; George Hulse, Vice President of External Affairs at Healthfirst; Jeff Lindor, Founder/President of Groomed Success; Tricia Ocona, Owner at RealestateOCONA, LLC; Henry Per Juste, Customs Broker, Owner at Per Juste Customs Services; Earl Phillip, Secretary Treasurer at TWU Local 100; Jackson Rockingster, President/CEO of HABNET Chamber of Commerce; and

Robert Scott, Liaison for Black and Latino Male Initiative Co-Coordinator at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, MIPO, Inc. is a non-profit membership organization, promoting the quality of life of Haitian youth in the United States and abroad through education, music, character building, medical care, apprenticeship training, family support, and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, With a mission to help young men and women transition into adulthood, MIPO, Inc.'s many projects include a mentoring program, annual school supplies distribution, and offering teacher professional development training in schools in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to an active Haitian community, particularly in Brooklyn and Queens; Haitian immigrants have emerged as a vibrant part of the local economy as proprietors of a variety of small businesses, including music shops, grocery stores, restaurants, bakeries, bars, beauty and barber shops, travel agencies, and shipping companies; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its President Felina Backer, the people of this great Empire State are well served by organizations such as MIPO, Inc., that make supporting our youth, and preparing the next generation of leaders its top priority; and

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Fundraising Gala, on May 24, 2015, and paying special

tribute to this year's Outstanding Citizenship Hall of Fame Award Honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Felina Backer, President, Making the Impossible Possible,

Inc.