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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Flatbush Development Corporation upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Anniversary Gala Benefit on May 6, 2015

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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Flatbush Development Corporation upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Anniversary Gala Benefit on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the restored Kings Theatre; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Flatbush Development Corporation will pay special tribute to Marty Markowitz, the former Brooklyn President, former New York State Senator, founding member of the Flatbush Development Corporation, and an instrumental force in the restoration of the Kings Theatre; and

WHEREAS, The Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) was formed in 1975 by a group of homeowners and tenants who were concerned about growing signs of deterioration in the neighborhood; the group organized tenants in apartment buildings to combat poor conditions and prevent arson and abandonment and worked with merchants on the neighborhood's commercial strips; and

WHEREAS, FDC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all segments of the Flatbush community; it identifies and responds to neighborhood needs and concerns, proactively creating programs and campaigns that work towards a healthy, safe and vibrant community; its economic

development, housing, youth, and immigration programs serve the exceptionally diverse needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, FDC's dedicated and professional staff are led by a Board of Directors comprised of community residents, merchants, and business leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all members of the Flatbush community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Executive Director Robin Redmond, FDC continues to maintain the vitality, diversity, and quality of life that only an urban community can offer; with much to be done, affordable housing needs to be preserved and built, commercial revitalization must continue, and quality-of-life issues must be addressed to maintain a vibrant neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown 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 commend the Flatbush Development Corporation upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Anniversary Gala Benefit on May 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robin Redmond, Executive Director, Flatbush Development Corporation.