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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Queens Centers for Progress upon the occasion of hosting its 65th Anniversary Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees on June 16, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Queens Centers for Progress upon the occasion of hosting its 65th Anniversary Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees, on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Terrace on the Park, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Queens Centers for Progress will recognize Steve Elkin, New York Metro Pro Manager, The Home Depot; Michael Ambrosino, Vice President, Ambrosino Construction Corporation; and Joseph L. Pipitone, President, Tiles Unlimited, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, United Cerebral Palsy of Queens, now known as Queens Centers for Progress (QCP), was founded in 1950, by a group of parents who needed services for their children with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, QCP is dedicated to providing children and adults who have developmental disabilities the opportunities to make choices which will maximize their skill development, independence, and integration into community life; and

WHEREAS, At the core of all the agency's services is the deeply held belief in the development of the individual; moreover, QCP believes that all people can learn and that all people, in spite of any developmental

disability, can make meaningful choices about their lives; and

WHEREAS, At QCP, children receive intensive training in cognitive, motor, socialization and communication skills, as well as traditional school subjects; and

WHEREAS, The day and residential programs at QCP, along with vocational training and supported employment programs, help provide training to assist adults with developmental disabilities function more independently in their community; and

WHEREAS, Today, QCP has grown to become a major provider of services for people with developmental disabilities in both Queens County and the New York Metropolitan area; the agency currently provides a comprehensive array of services to more than 1,200 people; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which 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 Queens Centers for Progress upon the occasion of hosting its 65th Anniversary Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees on June 16, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Queens Centers for Progress, and the aforementioned honorees.