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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yaw Boateng upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rising Star Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Yaw Boateng upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rising Star Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District to be celebrated at its Annual Champagne on the Park on Thursday, May 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lark Street is the vibrant heart of Albany, the Capital of New York State; across the 10 blocks of the Lark Street Business Improvement District, many unique and exciting businesses line the street offering "one of a kind" experiences for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Champagne on the Park is an annual event which supports the year-round efforts of the Lark Street Business Improvement District to continue the development and sustainability of this unique neighborhood through such programs as neighborhood safety and marketing, maintenance and beautification, and special events and promotions; and

WHEREAS, The Rising Star Award is being presented to a new small business owner on Lark Street who embodies the qualities which have made the neighborhood the unique, diverse, and prosperous place it has been and will continue to be; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of the Lark Street community for many years, Yaw Boateng is the owner of YB Graphics, a small business he began using a

small machine to print t-shirts for friends and co-workers while attending SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, Now in its second year of operations, YB Graphics now offers a wide variety of products including marketing materials, stationery, and print media; it has become a model for the neighborhood's small business, neighbor friendly, do-it-yourself attitude; and

WHEREAS, Today, Yaw Boateng is well-known for his commitment to offering high quality products with a smile, and friendly demeanor; he has exemplified the diversity of service and personal touch which has been the foundation of Lark Street's success; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those entrepreneurs 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 honor Yaw Boateng upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rising Star Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Yaw Boateng.