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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Los Taxes and paying tribute to Founder/CEO Javier N. Solis

WHEREAS, Service to community is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to it are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Los Taxes and to pay tribute to Founder/CEO Javier N. Solis; and

WHEREAS, As Founder/CEO, Javier N. Solis oversees 50 tax centers in 10 states, largely serving the Latino communities, including its corporate headquarters in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, New York, where his national network of tax centers was founded; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating its 25th year of service, Los Taxes provides honest and reliable income tax preparation service to the Latino community in a culturally sensitive office environment where taxpayers can find financial assistance in their language and culture offered by trained tax practitioners whose integrity and respect to system regulations are above all; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving in the United States of America in 1989, Javier N. Solis quickly familiarized himself with tax preparation publications and assisted family members with their income tax returns; and

WHEREAS, To advance his education, Javier N. Solis enrolled in the accounting program at the City University of New York; while studying, he also prepared taxes out of his apartment; and

WHEREAS, Soon after Javier N. Solis opened his first office in Brooklyn, New York, in 2002, he realized his home community was largely underserved and made it his mission to assist Latino immigrants who were trying to navigate a new and different taxation system, many of whom

were lost and needed guidance; and

WHEREAS, With his mission established, Javier N. Solis set out to educate and inform the Latino community through television, newspapers and radio outlets about financial issues involving taxation, credit repair, homeownership, mortgages, bankruptcy, investments and retirement planning; and

WHEREAS, Javier N. Solis and his work to protect consumers soon gained the attention of the New York City Clergy Association for Justice and its 500 churches, where his outreach efforts spread to monthly meetings and special events before pastors, ministers and church members; 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 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 celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Los Taxes and to pay tribute to Founder/CEO Javier N. Solis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Javier N. Solis, Founder/CEO, Los Taxes.