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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Essex Street Market in Manhattan's Lower East Side

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Essex Street Market in Manhattan's Lower East Side; and closure, inspiring growth, resurgence and vitality; and

WHEREAS, This month, the Essex Street Market celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a series of neighborhood fairs, exhibits, poetry, and talks that reflect the diverse and exciting nature of its home on the Lower East Side; and

WHEREAS, Essex Street Market was established in 1940 by former Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia to help the congestion of pushcarts and vendors on city streets; and

WHEREAS, The market was shaped in its earliest years by the Lower East Side's vibrant immigrant community, which transformed the market from a place to shop to a social destination; and

WHEREAS, The market came under the control of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, which invested in renovations to try to restore the market to its former glory; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the enterprising and industrious nature of the Essex Street Market vendors, and support from the City and customers who sought the personalized service provided by the vendors, the market forged on towards revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The Essex Street Market has served multiple generations of

not only Lower East Siders, but generations of New Yorkers across the five boroughs who express their loyalty to the market by continuing to support the diverse and dedicated vendors; and

WHEREAS, Centrally located on the Lower East Side, on two of the neighborhood's main thoroughfares, Delancey Street and Essex Street, the Essex Street Market continues to be a neighborhood hub, where ideas are exchanged, new connections are made, and where delicious bites can always be found; and

WHEREAS, The Essex Street Market pushes on alongside the development of Essex Crossing, where the market will continue to be a center piece of the Lower East Side's flourishing and diverse tradition; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Essex Street Market; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the sparkling successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Essex Street Market in Manhattan's Lower East Side; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Essex Street Market.