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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending CAMBA upon the occasion of hosting its Adult Literacy Center's Annual Recognition Ceremony on May 21, 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 CAMBA upon the occasion of hosting its Adult Literacy Center's Annual Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at the Flatbush Dutch Reform Church in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will celebrate CAMBA, the support of its friends and the accomplishments of its students, who will be recognized for earning their High School Equivalency Diploma, obtaining United States citizenship and achieving other milestones in class during the program year; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1977, CAMBA is a non-profit organization which provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, CAMBA offers more than 150 integrated services and programs in economic development, education and youth development, family support, health, housing and legal services; in addition, CAMBA Housing Ventures builds sustainable and affordable apartments for low-income New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization serves more than 45,000 individuals and families, including 9,000 youth, each year; its multi-faceted dedicated staff of over 1,500 speaks 30 languages and serves residents of

diverse ethnic backgrounds, including recent immigrants and refugees from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, fifteen percent of CAMBA employees are also former clients, and many live in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, With more than 60 locations throughout New York City, CAMBA's unique set of programs has grown in response to the needs of those it serves; consistently recognized as a leader among human service organizations, CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures were awarded the 2013 Nonprofit of the Year Award by the National and New York Housing Conferences; and

WHEREAS, The success of CAMBA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to CAMBA; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend CAMBA upon the occasion of hosting its Adult Literacy Center's Annual Recognition Ceremony on May 21, 2015; and be it further

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