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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Spike and Tonya Lee upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of artistic significance whose creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Spike and Tonya Lee upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, celebrated on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA) uses the visual arts as a point of departure for exploring new artistic productions across a variety of disciplines; through exhibitions and programming, MoCADA incites dialogue on pressing social and political issues facing the African Diaspora, and fosters a dynamic space for the creation and continuous evolution of African Diaspora culture; and

WHEREAS, A proud Brooklyn native, Spike Lee is an accomplished producer, director, writer and actor whose works have explored race relations, political issues and urban life; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Lee is a producer, writer, and artist, whose works include THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM, MISTRESS OF MODERNISM and SHE'S ALL THAT; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed married couple have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and philanthropic endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Spike and Tonya Lee have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Spike and Tonya Lee have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when artistic creators of such remarkable talent and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Spike and Tonya Lee upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Spike and Tonya Lee.