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Bronx, NY-Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz, in conjunction with The New York State Senate Puerto Rican and Latino Caucus, will celebrate the First “Abrazo Garifuna in New York.” This event will honor the contributions of the Garifuna-Americans to the fabric of New York City.

This event, by invitation only, will take place at Maestros Caterer’s located at 1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, New York, today, Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 7:00

p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The Hon. John Sampson, Minority Conference Leader of the New York State Senate, Senator Rubén Díaz, together with Bronx Borough President Rubén Díaz, Jr., will present a proclamation to Mr. Jose Francisco Avila, President of the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc., Dr. Rev. Celso Jaime, Member of the Garifuna Evangelical Coalition, Rev. Martha Chamorro, New York Hispanic Clergy Organization Board Member, and a proclamation will be given in Memory of Macaria “Callita” Guity, a long time member of the Garifuna Community, which will be received by family members.