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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation upon the occasion of hosting its Sunset Swing's Sweet Sixteen, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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 Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation upon the occasion of hosting its Sunset Swing's Sweet Sixteen on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1978, Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation (SBIDC) provides advocacy and services to help businesses in the Sunset Park, Red Hook and Gowanus neighborhoods grow and create employment opportunities for local residents; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation will be paying special tribute to Raaka Chocolate, Riva Precision Manufacturing, and The White Moustache for their steadfast and unwavering commitment to the communities they so ably serve; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Homa Dashtaki in 2011, The White Moustache is an old world, small batch yogurt maker located in Red Hook; what started as a bonding experience with her family and the Zoroastrian immigrant community has grown into a small food production company with a mission to make excellent yogurt as well as reduce waste in the production process; and

WHEREAS, The White Moustache provides the by-products from its strain-

ing process to customers as diverse as chefs and cocktail mixologists who use it in food preparation; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Raaka Chocolate makes the most delicious chocolate possible while building and maintaining healthy and valuable relationships with its global community, its planet and each other; and

WHEREAS, Raaka Chocolate uses organic ingredients whenever possible and fair-trade sugar certified by Fair Trade USA; the company also purchases cocoa beans that have been directly traded with Maya Mountain Cacao in Belize, Akesson's Organic Farm in Madagascar, OKO Caribe in the Dominican Republic and CIAAB in Bolivia; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Ted Doudak, Riva Precision Manufacturing is a world class manufacturing firm which specializes in high reliability and consistency for the world's leading jewelry retailers; its focus to combine artisan quality with state-of-the-art vertically integrated operation allows Riva Precision to ensure maximum quality throughout every stage of the manufacturing process; and

WHEREAS, Riva Precision Manufacturing cares for the environment by monitoring its energy usage and environmental impact by installing energy efficient lighting, reducing its energy consumption during working hours, and ongoing performance maintenance of its machinery to ensure optimal output without waste; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims 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 commend Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation upon the

occasion of hosting its Sunset Swing's Sweet Sixteen, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation and the
aforementioned honorees.