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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Medgar Evers Dinner on June 12, 2016

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 the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Medgar Evers Dinner on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a social advocacy institution organized locally in 1915 by social justice advocates such as Mary B. Talbert and Reverend Dr. J. Edward Nash; the formation of this National organization began in Buffalo, New York, during the Niagara Movement Conference organized by W.E.B. DuBois in 1905; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP continues to improve the political, educational, social and economic status of minority groups; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization's goal is to eliminate racial prejudice; to keep the public aware of the adverse effects of racial discrimination; and to take lawful action to secure its elimination, consistent with the efforts of the national organization and in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, its Constitution and By-Laws, and as directed by the National Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo Branch of the NAACP focuses on disparities in education, health, public safety, economic sustainability and in the political process; its current advocacy work involves opposition to proposed changes to the Buffalo School Board, opposition to charter schools receiving public funding, AIDS and diabetes education, fair treatment in the Criminal Court system, participation in the Black Leadership Forum, and participation in the annual Straight Talk Small Business Forum; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, 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 the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP; 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 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 the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP upon the occasion of hosting its 50th Annual Medgar Evers Dinner on June 12, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Buffalo Branch of the NAACP.