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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the Independence of Nicaragua on September 15, 2016

WHEREAS, Nicaragua takes its name from Nicaraao, chief of the indigenous tribe that lived around present-day Lake Nicaragua during the late 1400s and early 1500s; and

WHEREAS, In 1524, Hernandez de Cordoba founded the first Spanish permanent settlements in the region, including two of Nicaragua's principal towns: Granada on Lake Nicaragua, and Leon, located west of Lake Managua; and

WHEREAS, Relations between the ruling "peninsulares" and the Nicaraguan "creoles" were not amicable, and although Nicaraguans did not engage in the revolts like neighboring countries until the early 1800s, political rivalry and opposition to poor representation and oppressive laws led to revolution; and

WHEREAS, Nicaragua gained independence from Spain on September 15, 1821, briefly becoming a part of the Mexican Empire and then a member of a federation of independent Central American provinces; and

WHEREAS, On April 30, 1838, Nicaragua's constituent assembly deemed it independent and autonomous from Central America; and

WHEREAS, Many Nicaraguans have made New York their home, and this Legislative Body is justly proud to thank the Nicaraguan people for their contributions to this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 195th Anniversary of the Independence of Nicaragua on September 15, 2016.