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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Year Anniversary Annual Meeting on June 16, 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 North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Year Anniversary Annual Meeting, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Barclays Center, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) was formed over 35 years ago by a group of committed citizens who joined forces to improve the area known as North Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York; the group was comprised of merchants, property owners and residents who were concerned about keeping Flatbush Avenue a vibrant commercial district; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the members of the Board of Directors have struggled to create a cohesive identity for the North Flatbush Avenue BID that would be responsive to the changing demographic without losing long-time businesses, and to create an atmosphere that is rich with "Brooklyn" spirit; and

WHEREAS, The North Flatbush Avenue BID's dedicated and professional staff are led by President, Regina Cahill, and a Board of Directors comprised of community residents, merchants, and business leaders who

are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all members of the North Flatbush community; and

WHEREAS, The North Flatbush Avenue BID provides services such as street sweeping to assist businesses in maintaining a clean appearance along the six-block commercial zone, and graffiti removal for main doors and gates to maintain clean physical conditions that create a more appealing environment for shoppers and residents; and

WHEREAS, Complementing these services, the North Flatbush Avenue BID offers children's events, special events during holidays, free merchant workshops and speaker venues, merchant sponsored banners, shopping and services guides with merchant sponsored advertising, a website, Facebook and Twitter feeds; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the North Flatbush Avenue BID advocates for street and sidewalk improvements through written proposals to government officials, and presently, is working with the New York City Department of Transportation on a capital streetscape project to enhance the Triangle Parks along the corridor of Flatbush Avenue; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District upon the occasion of hosting its 30th Year Anniversary Annual Meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Regina Cahill, President, the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District.