

LEGISLATIVE PROCLAMATION recognizing the 24th Annual Spring Somos El Futuro Conference, to be held April 1st – April 3rd, 2011

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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The Somos El Futuro Conference, established in 1987, is the largest gathering of Puerto Rican/Hispanic civic and political leaders in New York State and is a significant public policy vehicle for the more than three million Hispanics living in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Somos El Futuro Conference also provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Puerto Rican and Hispanic individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, I commend the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force on its advocacy for the development of legislative solutions that bring about change in the Hispanic Community; and

WHEREAS, The Somos El Futuro Conference focuses on issues such as Childhood Obesity and Diabetes; College Recruitment and Student Retainment; Job Skill Training; Technology and Broadband in the Future Economy; and the important role of Redistricting; and

WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute will be participating in a Mock Legislative Session and sponsoring and presenting college scholarships for Puerto Rican/Hispanic high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, A Great State is only as great as those persons who give exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their professional or other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That as a duly elected Majority Leader of the State Senate of New York, I recognize that in honoring the 24th Annual Spring Somos El Futuro Conference, we honor all those who empower and inspire Hispanics throughout the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be transmitted to the New York State Assembly/ Senate Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force during this evening's event.

> Dated: April 1, 2011 In Witness Whereof, I Have Hereunto Set My Hand And Signature

Dean G. Skelos New York State Senate 9th District

Jose R. Peralta New York State Senate 13th District Jack M. Martins
New York State Senate
7th District