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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc. upon the occasion of its 174th Annual Emerald Ball on January 26, 2013

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 Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc. upon the occasion of its 174th Annual Emerald Ball to be held Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Battery Gardens, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc. has a 174 year history of providing financial support to the orphans of the City of Brooklyn, initially through the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum Society of Brooklyn, and later to all needy children in the Diocese of Brooklyn since 1957; and

WHEREAS, The Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc. has the distinction of being the charitable organization with the longest running annual fundraising ball of any society of its kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The first ball was held on February 7, 1839, at Smith's City Hotel in Brooklyn, and the event has been held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue since 1932, until this year which is being held at Battery Gardens; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 the Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc. upon the occasion of its 174th Annual Emerald Ball on January 26, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Emerald Association of Long Island, Inc.