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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala

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 Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at the DUMBO Loft in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the Community Pillar Award include: Detective Leslie Leon, Caribbean/African Liaison of Community Affairs, NYPD; Christopher (MC Wassy) Bowen; James A. Dandridge, President, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials-New York; and Geneva M. Farrow, Executive Director and Founder of A Young Mother's DREAM; and

WHEREAS, In addition, other distinguished honorees and awards include: Kamille Patrick Bennett, Director of Winthrop Beacon, Employee of the Year Award; Winston Bushell, Sesame Flyers International Official Member, Foundation Award; Marva Matthew, Parent of the Year Award; Aldwyn Goddard, Volunteer of the Year Award; Kathy Ferguson, Community Bridge Builder Award; and Janet Rousseau, Sesame Flyers International Official Member, Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. is a community based not-for-profit 501(c) 3 corporation founded in 1983; this 30 year-old organization functions as a multiservice agency which provides a number of services to both youths and adults; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. consists of both volunteers and professional staff, dedicated to empowering the lives of young people and the community; its mission is to provide a range of youth development, cultural, social welfare and supportive services to individuals and families residing in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. also takes pride in its origins and cultural Caribbean heritage and has enriched its name from also being known for its participation in the West Indian American Day Carnival festivities such as Kiddie's Carnival, Panorama and Labor Day, which is the adult parade of the band; and

WHEREAS, Sesame Flyers International, Inc. understands that part of loving children means presenting them with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills, technology and equipment that will prepare them for the challenges yet to come; its goal of youth empowerment is achieved and maintained through carefully structured programs designed to address the needs of its children, their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 Sesame Flyers International, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 4th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sesame Flyers International, Inc., and to the aforementioned honorees.