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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Inc. upon the occasion of its 17th Annual Ecumenical Commemorative Service and Awards Presentation

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Inc. upon the occasion of its 17th Annual Ecumenical Commemorative Service and Awards Presentation on Sunday, June 7, 2009, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Inc., is an organization which consists of students who either attended or graduated from schools in the former Canal Zone area; and

WHEREAS, These particular schools, which existed for more than 30 years, are part of the legacy of its region; and

WHEREAS, This special service is held in memory of its late teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, The award recipients include: Professor Gloria Holmes Smythe and Professor Louis McGrath Walker, the PCIAA 2009 Educational Awardees; Dr. Robert H. Beecher, the first Black Principal of La Boca High School, the PCIAA 2009 Posthumous Award; and Mr. Gregorio Mayers, Esq., Senior Policy Advisor; Office of the Mayor, City of New York, the PCIAA 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations' 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

honor the Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Inc. upon the occasion of its 17th Annual Ecumenical Commemorative Service and Awards Presentation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Panama Canal International Alumni Association, Inc.