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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Fort Greene Council, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Awards Dinner

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Fort Greene Council, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at the Palm House in the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, On this special day, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. will honor the following individuals: Beverly J. Rutherford, DHR Budget Coordinator, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Community Service Award; Reverend Cornelius Brown, Minister of Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, Community Service Award; Tamar E. Ogburn-Harraway, Community Relations Event Planner, Emblem Health, Community Service Award; John P. Weigand, Au.D. Director of SUNY/Downstate Audiology Center, Community Service Award; Mildred Hurlock, Fort Greene Grant Square Center, Trail Blazer Award; and Shaniya Carrington, Young Minds Out-Of-School Time (OST) Program, Shooting Star Award; and

WHEREAS, Since 1973, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. has provided services primarily to senior citizens in Central Brooklyn; its mission is to address critical needs of the elderly in Central Brooklyn, and in its commitment to serve the community, the Council expanded its focus to encompass two Day Care Centers; and

WHEREAS, In 1982 and 1984 respectively, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. became the sponsoring organization for the Young Minds Day Care Center

and Bedford Avenue Family and Group Day Care Center, providing group, after school and family day care; the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program became a part of its child care programs in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Currently, with over 33 years of experience, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. sponsors 14 Senior Centers and two Day Care Centers; Senior Centers provide comprehensive services to the elderly including breakfast, lunch, home delivered meals, educational and recreational programs and activities, legal assistance, social services, transportation services, and information and referral services; and

WHEREAS, Likewise, the Day Care Programs have been an integral part of the Bedford Stuyvesant Fort Greene Communities in Brooklyn, providing quality early childhood education; its Universal Pre-Kindergarten provides services to children four years of age and its Out-Of-School Time Program serves school age children from Grades 1 through 6; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1990, the Fort Greene Council, Inc. launched JAZZ 966 to promote jazz in the community to seniors and the public at large; on Friday nights, Jazz 966 provides a warm, comfortable and family setting for jazz in Central Brooklyn; 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 the Fort Greene Council, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its inaugural Awards Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fort Greene Council, Inc., and to the aforementioned honorees.