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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Christopher Gibbons upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christopher Gibbons upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre on Sunday, June 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gibbons is being honored for his support of Caribbean Cultural Theatre and its current project "Poets & Passion V - Celebration of the Word"; and

WHEREAS, The Caribbean Cultural Theatre is a Brooklyn, New York, based performing arts ensemble dedicated to presenting a balanced rendering of Caribbean culture and the Caribbean-American experience; and

WHEREAS, The Poets & Passion series was created as an outlet for talented Caribbean and Caribbean-American writers and spoken word artists to engage New York area audiences; it has also afforded those audiences, irrespective of background, opportunities to explore the bitter-sweet narratives of the immigrant experience in inviting ways through the simple act of telling a good story; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gibbons was born in Berwick, Pennsylvania, but raised in Queens, New York; after graduating from St. Francis College in 1996, he began his career working for USA Networks' Affiliate Relations office and after three years, he returned to work at St. Francis College

as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations; and

WHEREAS, A short while later, Christopher Gibbons was promoted to Director of Events at St. Francis College, a position which he held for nearly a decade; it was during this time that he became involved with numerous arts organizations, including the Caribbean Cultural Theatre; and

WHEREAS, As the Director of Events, Christopher Gibbons had the privilege of helping the Caribbean Cultural Theatre find a home at St. Francis College and continued to work with the organization until he left the College in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gibbons currently works for Brooklyn Law School supervising the Events Office; he is a true asset to society; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Bevin and their son Brendan Michael, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Christopher Gibbons's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher Gibbons upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Caribbean Cultural Theatre; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Gibbons.