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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring author of the Peruvian American Photo-Journalism Exposition "Human Rights in Peru," Oscar Medrano Perez, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition in New York State on July 20, 2012

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Medrano Perez, in his 50 years as a photo-journalist, has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor author of the Peruvian American Photo-Journalism Exposition "Human Rights in Peru," Oscar Medrano Perez, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, The opening ceremony of the Peruvian American Photo-Journalism Exposition "Human Rights in Peru," will be held at the Cervantes Institute of New York, on Friday, July 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Medrano Perez is an award winner and longtime photographer from CARETAS MAGAZINE based in Lima, Peru; and

WHEREAS, Since 1962, Oscar Medrano Perez has worked in Lima with many newspapers and magazines such as EL DIARIO CORREO, DIARIO EL COMERCIO, and since 1979 with CARETAS MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Medrano Perez has worked extensively in covering issues of politics, human rights abuses, violence and internal conflicts that devastated Peru during the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Medrano Perez has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has

always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Medrano Perez has covered various dangerous assignments involved in zones of conflict and other precarious areas and he was able to capture first hand the atrocities and violence that engulfed the small villages of Peru during the 1980s and 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Oscar Medrano Perez is a primary advocate photo-journalist in "Nunca Mas" pacific movement to stop armed violence and human rights abuses and he strongly believes that this story should continue to be told so as not to repeat again in Peru and other areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, The chairperson of the National Association of Photo-journalists in Peru, Oscar Medrano Perez has worked hard to unify the photo-journalists in Peru and he has received awards from United Press International, and human rights organizations such as National Human Rights Coordinating Committee, an umbrella organization with more than 50 human rights organizations across Peru; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Oscar Medrano Perez has received recognition from Lucanamarca Town in Ayacucho, one of the devastated Peruvian communities he has touched through his remarkable work; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Oscar Medrano Perez has stood constant in dignity, honesty and good grace; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Oscar Medrano Perez has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor author of the Peruvian American Photo-Journalism Exposition "Human Rights in Peru," Oscar Medrano Perez upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition on July 20, 2012; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Oscar Medrano Perez.