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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 29th Anniversary of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 29th Anniversary of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2014, the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. will celebrate this fine event in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in August 1985, the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., (CACCI) is a statewide membership organization which has developed expertise in providing business assistance to small and start-up business owners in areas of business planning, financing, procurement, certification, expansion, and export/import opportunities; CACCI has an extensive track record of service delivery, and has established partnerships with government and private business entities; and

WHEREAS, CACCI has conducted over 600 business development networking seminars and meetings, attracting entrepreneurs and speakers from the public and private sectors, business and community leaders, corporate partners, CACCI members, Heads of State from the Caribbean along with other international leaders; and

WHEREAS, CACCI has made considerable progress in the development of

the first ever Caribbean American Chamber Trade Center/Business Incubator in New York State to be located in one of the busiest commercial corridors in Central Brooklyn, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Hastick, Sr. is President/CEO/Founder of the CACCI, an international economic development organization with a membership of over 1500 in the United States and in the Caribbean; Mr. Hastick serves on numerous boards, including Chase Manhattan Bank's Community Development Board, Tropical Television Network (TTN), NYC Mayor's Small Business Advisory Board, Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, and the Medgar Evers College's Caribbean Research Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Hastick serves on The Brooklyn Navy Yard Economic Development Corporation; he is a tireless advocate for economic and community empowerment, and has been involved in promoting racial harmony in Brooklyn's Crown Heights community where he serves as First Vice Chairman of Community Board No. 9; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hastick has been a recipient of numerous awards, including the United States Department of Commerce National Award for Small Business Advocacy, and the New York State and New York City Minority Business Advocate of the Year Awards; 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 commemorate the 29th Anniversary of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roy A. Hastick, Sr., President/CEO/Founder of CACCI.