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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steven Hawkins upon the occasion of his being designated for special recognition by The Black Institute on May 15, 2014

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, 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 honor Steven Hawkins upon the occasion of his being designated for special recognition by The Black Institute; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the organization's 2014 Annual Celebration and Award Reception on Thursday, May 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Steven Hawkins 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, The Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, Steven Hawkins 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, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, this esteemed man has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Steven Hawkins upon the occasion of his being designated for special recognition by The Black Institute; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steven Hawkins.