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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andre T. Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 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, Andre T. Mitchell 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 Andre T. Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc., to be celebrated at its Black Tie Awards Gala on Saturday, June 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Andre T. Mitchell, a grass-roots community activist, was born and raised in what was once known as two of Brooklyn's most impoverished and dangerous neighborhoods, East New York and Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, At a young age, Andre T. Mitchell made the decision to dedicate his life and energy to transform the minds of the people in his community, and in 2004, he founded Man Up! Inc., a non-profit organization where he is currently serving as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Andre T. Mitchell, Man Up! Inc. services thousands of families throughout New York City by way of cultural afterschool and summer programs, mentoring and leadership development, services for the formerly incarcerated, career/job development, as well as community/school watch programs; and

WHEREAS, Andre T. Mitchell 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, Through his hard work and commitment, Andre T. Mitchell has earned countless achievements such as Family Development Credentials, Certification as a Gang Specialist through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and an appointment to the New York City Council's Anti-Gun Violence Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Andre T. Mitchell was voted as the new Chairman of Community Board 5, the governing board for East New York, Cypress Hills, and Spring Creek, which is the community where Man Up! Inc. is based; and

WHEREAS, An aspiring author, Andre T. Mitchell is writing a handbook and motivational guide entitled, I AM A MANN; his goal is to be an inspiration to those who have traveled on the same turbulent path, and provide direction to those who are trying to avoid it; and

WHEREAS, A transformative leader of his community, Andre T. Mitchell is a true example of how perseverance coupled with vision and consistency, leads to progress and success; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Andre T. Mitchell 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 Andre T. Mitchell 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 Andre T. Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the King of Kings Foundation Inc. on June 7, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Andre T. Mitchell.