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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Maa Sa Akhi Performing Arts Academy upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Recital on June 18, 2014

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those events which serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and preserve the heritage of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Maa Sa Akhi Performing Arts Academy upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Recital on Sunday, June 18, 2014, at the Public School 249 Auditorium, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Maa Sa Akhi (MSA) Performing Arts Academy is a privately funded Educational Not For Profit Organization that provides music lessons to children in the Brooklyn area; and

WHEREAS, Committed to giving back to its community, MSA helps students with their homework, offers nutritional advice to families and provides work/study opportunities for teens; in addition, MSA has made significant donations in scholarships and grants for young people; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, MSA will be releasing its first CD composed of original songs by Mut (Mother) Hefen; students ranging in age from pre-school through their teens will perform music on piano, guitar, bass, drums and voice; and

WHEREAS, MSA's Annual Recital is a cherished event which provides a uniquely warm and safe environment in which to enjoy the music, arts, colors, laughter and love of African American culture with family and

friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maa Sa Akhi Performing Arts Academy upon the occasion of hosting its 15th Annual Recital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maa Sa Akhi Performing Arts Academy.