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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the National Association for Black Veterans upon the occasion of hosting its 2014 National Convention on August 14-17, 2014

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, who served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the National Association for Black Veterans upon the occasion of hosting its 2014 National Convention in Brooklyn, New York, on August 14-17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS), had its beginnings in 1969, when seven Vietnam combat veterans came together to address issues concerning Black and other minority veterans; originally known as the Interested Veterans of the Central City, it was reorganized as NABVETS in 1973; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 1998, NABVETS was certified as a national veterans service organization by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization has admirably worked to promote the interests of African American veterans who have sacrificed so much in service to their nation; it works through partnerships with community-based and veterans' organizations, federal, state and local governments, human service agencies, and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, NABVETS has served as a leader in addressing the unmet concerns of minority and low-income veterans through direct services, empowerment training and collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 29 years, NABVETS led several campaigns to bridge the void for mainstream services to black veterans; furthermore, the group is recognized nationally for its advocacy for family and youth empowerment, and community development; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and associations 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 commend the National Association for Black Veterans upon the occasion of hosting its 2014 National Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Association for Black Veterans.