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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Summer Soiree on June 16, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Summer Soiree on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Battery Gardens, Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT) has been New York City's leading workforce development provider for disconnected youth for more than three decades; the success of this vital organization is truly changing the lives of countless local young adults; and

WHEREAS, OBT was founded in a run-down storefront in 1983 by the late Sister Mary Franciscus, RSM, to serve the at-risk, out-of-school, and unemployed youth of Sunset Park, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow continues to help disadvantaged youth and adults recognize their own self-worth and advance towards self-sufficiency and financial security through job training, academic reinforcement, improved life skills, job placement, and support services; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Chief Executive Officer Randy Peers, each of OBT's programs seeks to instill confidence in participants so that they can increase their self-esteem and improve

their own chances to succeed; its training model stresses personal discipline, holding participants accountable for their own success; and WHEREAS, In addition, modeled after a simulated corporate work environment, OBT programs require participants to dress and groom professionally, be on time each day, handle work assignments with deadlines, and behave as they would be expected to behave at work; and WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 32 year history, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and WHEREAS, The success of Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow upon the occasion of hosting its Fourth Annual Summer Soiree on June 16, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Randy Peers, Chief Executive Officer, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow.