

## 2015-J3011

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Haitian American Business Network upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Anniversary Gala, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Haitian American Business Network (HABNET) upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Anniversary Gala themed "Shifting the Paradigm: Moving from Spectator to Stakeholder" to be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Glen Terrace, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees include: Alain Massena, Esq., recipient of the HABNET Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Eveline Pierre, and Reverend Diane Jacques St. Surin, recipients of the HABNET Leadership and Service Award; Kevin Johnson, and Georges Boursiquot, recipients of the HABNET Leadership and Business Award; Sameson Louis, recipient of the Visionary and Service Award; Joseph D. Chery, recipient of the HABNET Lifetime Achievement Award; and Emblem Health, recipient of the HABNET Organization of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, HABNET believes in promoting entrepreneurship and financial literacy in its community; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, HABNET's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the Haitian American Business Network upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Anniversary Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Haitian American Business Network, and the 2015 honorees.