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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 172nd Anniversary of the Dominican Republic Independence to be celebrated on February 27, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commemorate historical events which exemplify the spirit and struggle of peoples throughout the world to achieve independence and live in peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 172nd Anniversary of the Dominican Republic Independence to be celebrated on February 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The people of the Dominican Republic acquired their independence from Haiti on February 27, 1844; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious occasion is celebrated and provides an opportunity for all people to reflect upon the rich history of the Dominican Republic and the many contributions of Latin Americans to our country as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, February 27th has been designated as Dominican Independence Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the great contributions which Dominicans have brought to our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 172nd Anniversary of the Dominican Republic Independence

to be celebrated on February 27, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to various Dominican organizations in New York State.