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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Annual Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade, to be held in Brentwood, New York, on June 5, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and applaud events which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity which represents and strengthens the fabric of the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade affirms the culture, identity and self-esteem of a people; it celebrates a rich heritage and exemplifies Hispanic history and tradition as well as the spirit of an indomitable people; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Annual Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade, to be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, and to recognize, with grateful appreciation, the contributions of Puerto Rican culture, as well as those of thousands of Puerto Ricans, to this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Organized by the Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja and numerous other organizations, the Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade is one of Long Island's largest block parties, with tens of thousands of people coming together to celebrate the Hispanic culture; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1966, to develop an appreciation of Puerto Rican culture, the Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade is a tribute to the unique Puerto Rican heritage and ethnicity and the role its people play in American society; and

WHEREAS, This year's Grand Marshal is Sergio Colon, a respected leader of various Puerto Rican social organizations in both Brentwood and Central Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, With just pride, this Legislative Body is pleased to recog-

nize and commend the Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade, recognizing its noble cause and exemplary dedication to preserve, promote and encourage a true understanding and greater appreciation of the spirit and largess of the Puerto Rican people; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Annual Long Island Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade, recognizing with appreciation and anticipation, the worthy purpose and promising vision of this event which fosters ethnic pride and enhances the profile of cultural diversity which so strengthens the fabric of the community of the State of New York; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergio Colon, Grand Marshal, and Margarita Espada, Executive and Artistic Director, Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja.