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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Law and Social Justice on September 23, 2016

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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Law and Social Justice, to be celebrated on Friday, September 23, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1986, the Center for Law and Social Justice consists of activists and professionals from all walks of life who embody the spirit and aspiration of the people they serve; the organization is a unit in the School of Professional and Community Development at Medgar Evans College of the City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Center for Law and Social Justice provides quality advocacy, training, and expert services in a personal manner to people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Law and Social Justice seeks to accomplish its mission by conducting research, and initiating advocacy project and litigation on behalf of community organizations and groups that promote human, national, and international understanding; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization sponsors advocacy projects and litigation in areas as diverse as housing and employment discrimination, violence, public education, voting rights, immigration, and United States human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, due to its unique combination of research,

public policy advocacy and litigation from a community-based perspective, the Center for Law and Social Justice is a focal point for progressive activity; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 30 year history, the Center for Law and Social Justice has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Center for Law and Social Justice is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, 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 the Center for Law and Social Justice; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Law and Social Justice on September 23, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Center for Law and Social Justice, Brooklyn, New York.