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Senate Resolution No. 2083

BY: Senator HANNON

COMMENDING Circulo de la Hispanidad upon the occasion of celebrating its 37th Anniversary on May 19, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Circulo de la Hispanidad upon the occasion of celebrating its 37th Anniversary with a Spring Gala on Friday, May 19, 2017, at the Garden City Hotel, in Garden City, New York; this year's theme is "Growing Stronger Together"; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Gil Bernardino, Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc. has been serving the community for almost four decades and currently provides services to over 5,000 individuals and families a year; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees, who are being recognized for their dedicated service to Circulo de la Hispanidad, include: Octavio Cardonas, Lia Di Angelo, Luis Figueroa, Mateo Flores, Vilma E. Matos,

and Dr. Victor F. Politi; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Circulo de la Hispanidad has been committed to providing community programs and comprehensive human resources to the vulnerable families and individuals residing in underserved communities on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Through advocacy, Circulo de la Hispanidad seeks to unify community voices with the goal of empowering the underserved and protecting human and civil rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Circulo de la Hispanidad proactively addresses issues and concerns vital to the community and provides over 220 programs in the areas of education, ESL classes, literacy programs, GED preparation and career services, domestic violence, housing, HIV/AIDS, and youth services including partner after school program, summer camp and sport activities in conjunction with the Long Beach Soccer Club; and

WHEREAS, As a leading community agency in Long Island, Circulo de la Hispanidad continues to improve the lives of many individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Circulo de la Hispanidad upon the occasion of celebrating its 37th Anniversary on May 19, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gil Bernardino, Founder and Executive Director of Circulo de la Hispanidad, and the aforementioned honorees.