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Senate Resolution No. 2339

BY: Senator SQUADRON

COMMEMORATING the 15th Anniversary of the Hester  
Street Collaborative

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those organizations that substantially contribute to the vitality and well-being of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Hester Street Collaborative in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Street Studio and the East New York Urban Youth Corporation co-founded Hester Street Collaborative with a mission to use collaborative and participatory design to improve the built environment and enhance open space; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002, Hester Street Collaborative has aimed to unite local residents and youth to work collaboratively on the design of local projects to improve public spaces; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with the Lower East Side Waterfront Alliance, Hester Street Collaborative created the Waterfront on Wheels series of workshops for the community to share input for open space along the East River waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Together with the United Neighbors to Revitalize Allen and Pike coalition, Hester Street Collaborative worked on a redesign of the Allen and Pike Street Malls that reflected the vision of many communities from Two Bridges to Chinatown to the Lower East Side for open space along Allen and Pike Streets from South Street to Houston Street; and

WHEREAS, Hester Street Collaborative worked with the New York City Department of Transportation to hold community visioning workshops resulting in the installation of public art at the South Street Median on the Lower East Side; and

WHEREAS, Hester Street Collaborative continues to be an important advocate and partner in the transformation of Pier 42 into a public park; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization and its contributions to the communities of Lower Manhattan, fully confident that it will continue to serve as it has thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Hester Street Collaborative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hester Street Collaborative.