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Senate Resolution No. 3253

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING BRIC upon the occasion of its 40th
Anniversary to be observed at its Kick-Off
Celebration on April 16, 2018

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those artistic organizations which have brought outstanding entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend BRIC upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary to be observed at its Kick-Off Celebration on Monday, April 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, BRIC is the leading provider of free cultural programming in Brooklyn, New York, presenting and incubating work by artists and media-makers who reflect the true diversity of New York City; its dynamic programs reach hundreds of thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, BRIC has vastly expanded its programming, education initiatives and community engagement work; and

WHEREAS, The organization's award-winning main venue, BRIC Arts Media House, offers a public media center, a major contemporary art exhibition space, two performance spaces, a glass-walled TV studio, and artist work spaces; and

WHEREAS, Some of BRIC's most acclaimed programs include the BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival in Prospect Park, a renowned contemporary art exhibition series, and two distinct media initiatives: Brooklyn Free Speech, Brooklyn's Public Access initiative, and BRIC TV, a nonprofit community TV channel and digital network; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, BRIC offers education and other vital programs at BRIC House and throughout Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In addition to making cultural programming genuinely accessible, BRIC is dedicated to providing substantial support to artists and media makers in their efforts to develop work and reach new audiences; and

WHEREAS, Through presenting exceptional cultural experiences and nurturing individual expression, BRIC has effectively portrayed New York City's innate cultural richness and diversity for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 40 year history, BRIC has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of BRIC is in direct correlation to the efforts

of its staff, 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, In light of its commitment, dedication and successful efforts, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to BRIC of Brooklyn, New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend BRIC upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to BRIC, Brooklyn, New York.