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Senate Resolution No. 5353

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Joel Widmaier upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joel Widmaier upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc., to be celebrated at its 7th Annual Power of Partnerships, Scholarship and Hall of Fame Gala on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at the BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. (MIPO) is a non-profit membership organization, promoting the quality of life of Haitian youth in the United States and abroad through education, music, character building, medical care, apprenticeship training, family support and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for sound engineering, Joel Widmaier serves as Production Director of Radio Metropole (Haiti) and has composed more than 70 jingles; and

WHEREAS, Joel Widmaier is also the President of the Haiti Jazz Foundation, whose mission is to be a locomotive contributing to the development, evolution and promotion of jazz Kreyol in Haiti and abroad; through this Foundation, alongside his wife Milena, they produce the Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary man is a founding member of the Association Ayiti Mizik, which works to strengthen and professionalize the music industry in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Joel Widmaier, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Joel Widmaier and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joel Widmaier upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Hall of

Fame Honoree by Making the Impossible Possible, Inc. on May 27, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joel Widmaier.