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Assembly Resolution No. 1285

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the
Ibero-American Action League on June 9, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Ibero-American Action League to be celebrated at an event on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1968, the Ibero-American Action League is a dual-language human services agency which focuses on building stronger families and greater self-sufficiency through hands-on learning and experience; this vital organization serves individuals and families of all ethnic backgrounds with the unique ability to target multiple audiences in both English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Ibero-American Action League's programs prepare children for school, provide academic and social support to high school students,

work with parents to strengthen their family unit, and ensure individuals with developmental disabilities have a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Ibero-American Action League's Early Childhood Center offers an award-winning program that serves as a national model; it is also recognized for promoting and maintaining a strong parent engagement rate (95 percent) and having the highest attendance rate among children under five in all of Monroe County; staff works with both children and parents, and serves approximately 100 children and 95 families; and

WHEREAS, Youth Services' evidence-based programs provide academic, social, and health support to students in 7th and 8th grades in the Rochester City School District and the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School; these programs aim to increase student attendance, improve academic performance, and provide the necessary support for growth and success; and

WHEREAS, Family Services provides seniors, families and parents with educational programs and workshops which improve their quality of life; it also offers the only Latino senior center in Monroe County which serves as a home away from home; through the center, seniors learn how to remain healthy while maintaining strong community connections; and

WHEREAS, The Developmental Disabilities program's bilingual and bicultural staff diligently work to ensure individuals have a high quality of life and their families are provided with the support they need to do the same; individuals learn necessary life skills so they can

live as independently as possible, when possible; the job training program takes place at its thrift store, Fashion Works; and

WHEREAS, Ibero-American Action League's Emergency Services Division offers bilingual case management which focuses on increasing the stability and quality of life among newly arrived Monroe County residents; and

WHEREAS, During the past year, 86 college scholarships were rewarded to high school seniors, 100 job seekers were guided or placed in a program or job, 106 children were enrolled in the Early Childhood Center, and 5,000 young people and their families were served by Ibero-American Action League's Youth Services Division; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Ibero-American Action League 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 institution and the community it serves; 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Ibero-American Action League on June 9, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ibero-American Action League.