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Senate Resolution No. 5605

BY: Senator RIVERA

PAYING tribute to the life and community service of Angelo Falcon, founder and president of the National Institute for Latino Policy

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation continue to be inspired by the efforts of individuals who commit their lives to uplifting their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to pay tribute to the life and community service of Angelo Falcon, founder and president of the National Institute for Latino Policy, who passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon was a devoted Latino advocate who dedicated most of his life to the empowerment of Latinos across the country, and specifically in New York; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon founded the National Institute for Latino Policy, a nonpartisan center that provides policy analysis and advocacy on critical social issues facing the Latino community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon worked tirelessly to generate and utilize concrete data on Puerto Rican and Latino civic engagement in New York to

elevate issues to leaders in government and across the State; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon advocated for the needs of Latinos across New York through his research and writing, including co-editing the book *Boricuas in Gotham: Puerto Ricans in the Making of Modern New York* and authoring the essays "Black and Puerto Rican Politics in New York City: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing Urban Context" and "Puerto Rican Political Participation: New York City and Puerto Rico"; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon was elected Chair of the Census Advisory Committee of the Hispanic population and the Chair of the Steering Committee of the Census Information Centers (CIC) Program of the Census Bureau in 2009, where he raised awareness about the distinct problems facing Hispanic and Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon became a vocal advocate for Puerto Rico's relief efforts after Hurricane Maria in September of 2017, and devoted resources to bringing attention to the needs of Puerto Ricans on the island and in New York; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Falcon dedicated his life to uplifting and engaging Latinos at varying levels of government, as well as to holding leaders accountable through advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation in recognition of a community leader who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his great State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and selfless community service of Angelo Falcon who sadly passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the colleagues of Angelo Falcon at the National Institute for Latino Policy.