LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon on April 20, 2013

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council for Medgar Evers College is a not-for-profit organization established to engage community support for and involvement with Medgar Evers College, City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon honors distinguished individuals for their exemplary contributions to the Medgar Evers College community; and

WHEREAS, This year's honorees are: Octavia D. Hill, President, Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., recipient of the Community Service Leadership Award; The Reverend Michael Bacchus, Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly, recipient of the Ecumenical Leadership Award; Dr. Edward Catapane, Professor of Biology at Medgar College, recipient of the Education Leadership Award; Dr. John Louis Flateau, Chair of the Department of Public Administration in the Evers College School of Business, recipient of the Education Leadership Award; Shanaya Herbert, student in the Class of 2013 Medgar College Preparatory School, recipient of the Youth Leadership Award; and Roscoe C. Brown Jr., Director of the Center for Urban Policy Education CUNY Graduate School and University Center, recipient of the Lifetime Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Composed of residents, organizations, faculty, students, and elected officials of the Central Brooklyn area, the Community Council for Medgar Evers College was formed in the early 1960s at the insistence of community residents initially to ensure a four-year college be established in the Central Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, A vital component of the Community Council for Medgar Evers College's efforts to support the mission of Medgar Evers College is to actively seek resources for and provide scholarships to deserving students, which it has done proudly since 1980; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the quality of life in their community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to supporting the academic excellence of our institutions of higher learning, 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 commend the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Spring Scholarship and Leadership Awards Luncheon on April 20, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Community Council for Medgar Evers College, Inc., and the aforementioned honorees.