

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating THIRTEEN/WNET upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of service to the New York Metropolitan area

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, It is also the sense of this Legislative Body that institutions that give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate THIRTEEN/WNET upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of service to the New York Metropolitan area; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, with a banquet dinner at the Hop Lee Restaurant in New York City; and

WHEREAS, A member of the WNET family of companies, THIRTEEN is one of America's most respected and innovative public media providers; it is a unique cultural and educational institution that harnesses the power of television and electronic media to inform, enlighten, entertain and inspire; and

WHEREAS, THIRTEEN is the flagship public television station of the New York City tri-state area and the most watched public television channel in the nation; it reaches millions of people with programming that celebrates arts and culture, offers insightful commentary on the news of the day, explores the worlds of science and nature, and invites people of all ages to have fun while learning; and

WHEREAS, THIRTEEN's broadcast schedule features a dynamic mix of programming, much of it created in its own studios, including: "Nature", "American Masters", "Great Performances" and "Need to Know"; and

WHEREAS, In addition, THIRTEEN produces a range of local programming, including "Reel 13", an on-air, online film series; "Treasures of New York" and "NYC-ARTS", a weekly showcase for the city's cultural offerings; and

WHEREAS, THIRTEEN's daily schedule features acclaimed PBS series such as "Frontline", "NOVA", "Masterpiece", "American Experience" and "Antiques Roadshow", as well as such beloved children's programming as "Sesame Street", and "Cyberchase"; and

WHEREAS, As part of its mission to use media to create lifelong learning opportunities, THIRTEEN's Education department extends the life of on-air programming through online initiatives, supplemental teaching material and community outreach; largely supported by private and foundation contributions, THIRTEEN is among the largest membership organizations in the New York area; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to THIRTEEN/WNET; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate THIRTEEN/WNET upon the occasion of celebrating 50 years of service to the New York Metropolitan area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to THIRTEEN/WNET.