

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Laurie Angela Cumbo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Laurie Angela Cumbo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc. on Saturday, March 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Young Movement is a 501c(3) member-supported action tank providing research, advocacy, and partnerships on socio-economic issues such as financial literacy and employment alternatives for young adults and professionals in New York; incorporated in October of 2011, this organization not only represents its members through research, advocacy, and forming partnerships, but ensures the positive results are long-standing while the unfavorable ones are non-recurrent for the next young generation; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director and Founder of the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, Laurie Cumbo hopes to utilize her educational and professional experiences to bring about an increased presence of the arts in her native borough of Brooklyn, New York; she set her goal in motion in 2000 by opening the Museum Planning Headquarters for the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts in a building owned by the Bridge Street AWME; in less than five years, the organization was covered by numerous national and regional news organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts reopened its doors in a newly renovated facility within the BAM LDC Cultural District in the James E. Davis 80 Arts Building in the Fort Greene community of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Currently the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts offers several arts related programs within the Borough of Brooklyn, including the KidFlix Outdoor Film Festival of Bed Stuy, the FAMflix Film Fest of Brownsville and the National Black Fine Art Show Educational Series, as well as an Exhibition and Curatorial program and interactive tours for school groups and families; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Cumbo received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Spelman College and a Master of Arts degree in Visual Arts Administration from New York University; she has studied at the Utrecht School of the Arts in the Netherlands and the Fuji Studios in Florence, Italy, and worked at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Grey Art Gallery; and

WHEREAS, From 2001-2011, Laurie Cumbo served as a graduate professor in the School of Art and Design at Pratt Institute in the Arts and Cultural Management Program; she is a member of ARTTABLE, the American Association of Museums, the Cultural Equity Group, the National Alliance of African and American Art Support Groups Conference and the Spelman College Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Laurie Angela Cumbo's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Laurie Angela Cumbo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Young Movement, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurie Angela Cumbo.

