LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dance Theatre Etcetera upon the occasion of hosting the 20th Annual Red Hook Fest on May 30-June 1, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment and entertainment of their community and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dance Theatre Etcetera upon the occasion of hosting the 20th Annual Red Hook Fest on May 30-June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This open-air festival held on the Red Hook Waterfront is to celebrate the accomplishments of some 200 plus young people in performing arts programs across New York City and enjoy performances by some of the most powerful progressive artists in America; and

WHEREAS, Dance Theatre Etcetera has proudly served the Red Hook community since 1992, gaining national attention for making the arts a critical component of urban renewal efforts in the area; and

WHEREAS, Premised on the belief that the arts are an effective vehicle for social transformation, Dance Theatre Etcetera unites artists and community members as co-creators in dynamic cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, Through site-specific performances, festivals, parades and performing arts and media education programs, Dance Theatre Etcetera stimulates the social imagination through acts of informed expression; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in the field of arts education, Dance Theatre Etcetera offers innovative programming to over 700 students annually; working in underserved areas throughout Brooklyn, it reaches over 6,000 additional Brooklynites each year through festivals, parades and unique site-specific performances; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, recognizes the importance of the performing arts, which act to inspire, enlighten and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; 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 celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dance Theatre Etcetera upon the occasion of hosting the 20th Annual Red Hook Fest on May 30-June 1, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martha Bowers, Executive Director, Dance Theatre Etcetera.