LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nestor Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Nestor Hernandez has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nestor Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and

WHEREAS, The Community Leadership Award is given annually to individuals or organizations working to combat crime or providing violence and civil rights education to the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, The FBI presented Nestor Hernandez with this illustrious award in December of 2012 for his outstanding work with the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, a group formed to reduce gang violence across the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Through his hard work and dedication, Nestor Hernandez increased the staffing of the Belle Center from five full-time employees to more than 90 during his time as the center's director; and

WHEREAS, Nestor Hernandez has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Nestor Hernandez has also served as an AmeriCorps National Service Director, a United States Army Reserves Civil Affairs Staff Sergeant, and is currently the Associate Vice President for People Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Nestor Hernandez has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Nestor Hernandez has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nestor Hernandez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nestor Hernandez.