

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of THE CHALLENGER

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of THE CHALLENGER; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Arthur O. Eve, Calvin Kimbrough and John Moore, THE CHALLENGER'S first edition hit the streets of Buffalo, New York's Black community on April 11, 1963 -- the same year civil rights leader, Medgar Evers was assassinated; and

WHEREAS, THE CHALLENGER was used as a way to inform and energize Buffalo's Black community, speaking out for the rights of the African-American population and offering them a real alternative to an otherwise negative and hostile press; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, THE CHALLENGER has been a testament to an extensive period of unprecedented social and political change that has greatly affected the Black community; and

WHEREAS, Today, THE CHALLENGER, under the leadership of Al-Nisa Banks, is the largest circulated black newspaper in the state outside of New York City, and serves as an expressive voice to the people of the Buffalo region by providing a platform for all members of its community; and

WHEREAS, This progressive paper has been a powerful tool in documenting the social, political, religious, cultural, artistic, business and literary history and events for the Black community of Buffalo and surrounding areas; 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of THE CHALLENGER; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to THE CHALLENGER.