

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Second Annual Summer Soiree, on June 4, 2013, and paying tribute to its outstanding honorees

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 that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow Inc. (OBT) upon the occasion of hosting its Second Annual Summer Soiree; this auspicious event will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at Battery Gardens (inside Battery Park), Manhattan, New York; the evening will also honor two individuals who have supported OBT's mission over the years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow is to help disadvantaged youth and adults recognize their own self-worth, and advance towards self-sufficiency and financial security through job training, academic reinforcement, improved life skills, job placement, and support services; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 30th Anniversary of Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, which was founded by Sister Mary Franciscus in response to being asked by community leaders in Sunset Park to design a program for disconnected youth dropping out of high school and getting involved with street gangs; and

WHEREAS, Today, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow's nationally recognized youth education and job training programs operate out of three locations in Brooklyn, and serve over 3,000 people annually; a fourth program site in Jamaica, New York, is forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, The two exemplary individuals being honored at Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow's Summer Soiree are being recognized for their immeasurable contributions to advancing Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow's vision, as well as their commitment to serving New York City's communities; and

WHEREAS, Frank Morizio Jr., CLTC, LUTCF is Chair Emeritus at Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, and has been in the financial services industry for over 13 years, currently working at the Bridge Financial Group, an office of MetLife; and

WHEREAS, Frank Morizio Jr. has twice been honored with The MetLife Foundation Volunteer Service Award; he is a member of the Million Dollar Round Table and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and has been a recipient of The National Quality Award on more than one occasion; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lund serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Greater New York, the largest YMCA in the United States; his service to YMCA spans 35 years, ranging from top leadership roles to hands-on grassroots experience working with communities; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lund is dedicated to strengthening the foundations of New York City's communities by developing key new programs; he pioneered the Next Century city-wide YMCA branch capital renewal program that will build or renovate more than 1.3 million square feet of facility space; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations and individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its Second Annual Summer Soiree, and to pay tribute to its outstanding honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow Inc. and the aforementioned honorees.