

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the Fifth Avenue Committee of Brooklyn, New York, in 2013

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fifth Avenue Committee of Brooklyn, New York, in 2013; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a Benefit Reception, to be held at the BAM Cafe in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1978, The Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) is a community organization in South Brooklyn, New York, that advances economic and social justice by building vibrant, diverse communities where residents have genuine opportunities to achieve their goals, as well as the power to shape the community's future; and

WHEREAS, FAC is a nationally-recognized nonprofit community development corporation that works to transform the lives of over 5,000 low- and moderate-income New Yorkers annually so that all can live and work with dignity and respect while making the community more equitable, sustainable, inclusive, and just; and

WHEREAS, To achieve its mission, FAC develops and manages affordable housing and community facilities, creates economic opportunities and ensures access to economic stability, organizes residents and workers, offers student-centered adult education, and combats displacement caused by gentrification; and

WHEREAS, FAC's Principles in Action include: combining organizing and development; building community beyond geographic boundaries; promoting community control and accountability; striving for innovative solutions; modeling sustainability; including the entire community; and collaborating effectively; and

WHEREAS, FAC has developed more than 600 units of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families in over 100 buildings; it brought more than \$300 million in direct investment for community development into the South Brooklyn neighborhoods through these efforts; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under the outstanding leadership of its Executive Director, Michelle de la Uz, FAC maintains safe, decent, affordable housing for nearly 400 families in South Brooklyn and has created over 500 good jobs for low-income community residents, and trained and placed another 1200 residents into decent jobs; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Fifth Avenue Committee of Brooklyn, New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fifth Avenue Committee of Brooklyn, New York, in 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fifth Avenue Committee of Brooklyn, New York.