LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil, taking place June 12-July 13, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those events which bring the world together and foster national pride; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to this concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body if justly proud to commemorate the playing of the 20th FIFA World Cup in Brazil; and

WHEREAS, The quadrennial FIFA World Cup is an event which draws hundreds of millions of viewers from across the globe and inspires nations to join together in common interest; and

WHEREAS, The nation of Brazil, winner of five past World Cups, the most of any nation, will play host to the 2014 World Cup which will be played between the 12th of June and the 13th of July, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-two nations from all six inhabited continents will be represented and vying for the title of World Champions; and

WHEREAS, The popularity of world football in the United States and New York has continued to grow at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with New York's status as a true national and cultural melting pot, the 2014 World Cup is of special and abiding interest to our diverse population; and

WHEREAS, Outside of Brazil there is no more fitting a place than New York to experience the passion and pride that only the world's game can stir in the hearts of fans and non-fans alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil commencing on Thursday, June 12, 2014.