

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION Commemorating the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference to be held March 22-24, 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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference hosted by the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force to be held March 22-24, 2013, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference, established in 1987, and attended by more than 7,000 people each year, is the largest gathering of Puerto Rican/Hispanic civic and political leaders in New York State and is a significant public policy vehicle for the more than three million Hispanics living in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference also provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Puerto Rican and Hispanic individuals and organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Somos Spring Conference has adopted its theme of "The Time is Now"; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has come together to recognize Hispanics and Latinos who have significantly contributed to community development in New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those 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 commemorate the 26th Annual Somos Spring Conference to be held March 22-24; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.