

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Bailey House in New York City upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary on March 28, 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 commend Bailey House upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at Bailey House's Annual Auction and Gala to be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1983 as the AIDS Resource Center, for 30 years Bailey House has been providing housing and support services to homeless men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Bailey House addresses the fundamental human needs of housing, food, safety, and delivers comprehensive and compassionate support services, including access to healthcare, counseling, support groups, and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Bailey House launched the nation's first scatter-site housing for people living with HIV/AIDS, with a few apartments in Manhattan's Chelsea and Greenwich Village neighborhoods; in 1986, it opened Bailey-Holt House, the nation's first congregate residence for people living with AIDS, offering residents supportive services including case management and healthcare coordination, quality meals and nutrition education, mental health and substance abuse counseling, support groups and therapeutic recreation; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, the organization changed its name to Bailey House in honor of Reverend Mead Miner Bailey, one of its founders; and

WHEREAS, Bailey House founded the East Harlem Service Center in 1997, providing bilingual drop-in services, as well as job training, housing placement and substance abuse services to HIV-positive individuals; in 2001 it founded Schafer Hall, a 91-unit supportive housing residence in East Harlem for single-parent families impacted by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Under the outstanding leadership of its Chief Executive Director, Regina Quattrochi, Bailey House currently provides scatter site and congregate housing to hundreds of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in neighborhoods throughout New York City; it also provides a wide range of support services to New York City's most vulnerable people with HIV, including Project FIRST, which provides housing placement and short-term rental assistance to HIV-positive, formerly incarcerated adults; and

WHEREAS, Bailey House's programs have been cited as best practices by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the New York State AIDS Institute; its scatter site and congregate housing models have been adopted and replicated worldwide; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Bailey House; 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 commend Bailey House upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bailey House.