

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the history and accomplishments of Repertorio Espanol

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, The history, the heritage, and the lives of the people of all countries and all cultures are portrayed in their music, dance and performance; the art and act of sharing them enriches us altogether; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the history and accomplishments of Repertorio Espanol; and

WHEREAS, Repertorio Espanol was founded in 1968 by producer Gilberto Zaldivar and Artistic Director Rene Buch to introduce the best of Latin American, Spanish and Hispanic American theatre in distinctive, quality productions, and to bring theatre to a broad audience in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Rene Buch has successfully made his dream a reality and bridged the gaps among the Hispanic American community through the use of theatre, opera, and the visual and fine arts; and

WHEREAS, Repertorio Espanol has introduced theatre to a wide variety of groups in New York City, including seniors, students and Hispanics of all national backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Through maintaining a dramatic ensemble for the past 48 years, Repertorio Espanol has attracted many talented veterans and emerging Hispanic actors, including Ofelia Gonzalez, the first actress to win an OBIE Award without having performed in English; and

WHEREAS, Repertorio Espanol has continued to show its commitment to introducing live theatre to generations of New Yorkers from all backgrounds, and in turn has revived the excitement for the riches of the Hispanic cultures and heritages; and

WHEREAS, Repertorio Espanol has received a long list of awards for its exceptional work such as, Best New York Theatre for both 2011 and 2012, the HOLA Lifetime Achievement Award, and numerous HOLA Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Dramatic Productions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the history and accomplishments of Repertorio Espanol, and to commend its 48 years of dedication and commitment to introducing live theatre, opera, and the visual and fine arts to all generations of Hispanics, and bridging the gaps between the Hispanic and American cultures; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Repertorio Espanol.