

BY: Senator ALCANTARA

HONORING the New York Dominican Officers Organization upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Third Annual Oscar de la Renta Award on March 25, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the New York Dominican Officers Organization upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Third Annual Oscar de la Renta Award to be celebrated at a Dominican Reception on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1993, the New York Dominican Officers Organization (NYDO) was established by officers of Dominican descent who felt a need for representation of their culture, values and their community; in 2004, it was officially recognized as a fraternal organization by the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, NYDO has worked to orient and recruit its members to various law enforcement agencies, create youth athletic programs, and assist the Dominican community via workshops and the dissemination of vital information; in addition, this vital organization strives to enlighten its community and act as a role model for its youth; and

WHEREAS, Currently, NYDO consists of more than 500 members who come from various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; in January of 2017, NYDO was recognized as a fraternal organization for the New York City Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Locally, NYDO coordinates or participates in many seminars to educate and provide information to the Dominican community such as working toward enhancing police relations with members of the community including taxi drivers, domestic violence workshops, crimes against the elderly workshops, and gang identification and anti-bullying; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the NYDO Board of Directors meets with police recruits of Dominican descent to educate them on the pitfalls of police work and how to protect their careers, and helps with local police recruitment and conducts tutoring seminars for candidates for the police entrance exam; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to its community, the NYDO sponsors a team on the Michael Buczek Baseball Little League in Washington Heights, and each

year, the organization rewards scholarships to three students; and

WHEREAS, The NYDO also travels to the Dominican Republic to deliver and distribute school supplies to underprivileged children in the most impoverished provinces of the Dominican Republic, provides computer equipment to domestic violence units in various provinces of the Dominican Republic, and supports medical missions such as pediatric cleft palate surgeries; and

WHEREAS, Today, the NYDO is led by President, Raysa Galvez; 1st Vice-President of Administration, Moises Suero; 2nd Vice-President of Rules and ByLaws, Oscar Polancco; 2nd Vice-President of International Relations, Irving Aguilera; Treasurer, Jimmy Arias; Financial Secretary, James Robinson; Executive Secretary, Ingris Martinez; Corresponding Secretary, Angeline Ozuna; 1st Sergeant-at-Arms, Jonathan Jourdain; 2nd Sergeant-at-Arms, Daniel Tilman; City-Wide Trustee and past President, Romulo Guerrero; City-Wide Trustee, Community Liaison, and past President, Edward Rodriguez; and Political Advisor and past President, Manuel Lantigua; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 honor the New York Dominican Officers Organization upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Third Annual Oscar de la Renta Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raysa Galvez, President, the New York Dominican Officers Organization.