

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 48th Anniversary of Guyana's
Republic Day to be celebrated February 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups which comprise and contribute to the richness and diversity of the community of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in keeping with its time-honored traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 48th Anniversary of Guyana's Republic Day to be celebrated Thursday, February 22, 2018, at DC 1707, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Guyana, officially the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, is a sovereign state on the Caribbean coast of South America; although Guyana is part of the Anglophone Caribbean, it is one of the few Caribbean countries that are part of South America; and

WHEREAS, Guyana was originally colonized by the Netherlands; later, it became a British colony, known as British Guiana, and remained so for over 200 years until it achieved independence on May 26, 1966, from the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, On February 23, 1970, Guyana officially became a Republic; in 2008, the country joined the Union of South American Nations as a founding member; and

WHEREAS, The 48th Anniversary of Guyana's Republic Day provides an opportunity to recognize the significance of their contributions to the quality and character of life, and, through events and activities, for all people to gain a greater appreciation of Guyanese history and traditions, and of the role Guyanese have played, and will continue to play, in our society; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize such events of significance which foster ethnic pride and exemplify the cultural diversity that represents and strengthens the fabric of the people and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 47th Anniversary of Guyana's Republic Day to be celebrated February 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Barbara Atherly, Consul General of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to New York.