

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMENDING former Assemblyman N. Nicholas Perry for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this noble Empire State; N. Nicholas Perry is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend former Assemblyman N. Nick Perry for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Noah Nicholas Perry was born and raised in the parish of St. Andrew, Jamaica; the fourth of five sons in a family of 11 children, he completed his secondary education at Kingston College where he attended on a full scholarship, and worked for the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union before migrating to the United States in the summer of 1971; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving in the United States, Nicholas Perry volunteered for the U.S. Army where he served for two years of active duty and four years on reserve status; he is the recipient of several service medals and was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist E-5; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Perry then attended college on the G.I. Bill, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Brooklyn College where he later studied for a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy and Administration while serving as a student rights leader; and

WHEREAS, After college, Nicholas Perry gained recognition as an effective advocate and strong leader in his community; he was appointed to the local Community Board, where he demonstrated the leadership skills which propelled him to election by his colleagues as Chairman; he was reelected to five consecutive one-year terms, during which he served on the Brooklyn Borough Board; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Perry began his renowned legislative career in 1992 when he was elected to the New York State Assembly to represent the 58th Assembly District in Brooklyn; he was reelected to serve his 15th consecutive term in the 2020 General Election; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Nicholas Perry served as the Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore of the New York State Assembly; he is also the former Chairman of the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and

Asian Legislative Caucus, as well as the Regional Chairman, (Region 2, NY & PA) National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL); and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he served on the New York Assembly Committees on: Ways & Means, Rules, Codes, Banks, Labor, and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2022, Nicholas Perry was confirmed by the entire Senate to serve as United States ambassador to Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joyce, and their two children, Novalie and Nickolas Alexander, as well as one granddaughter, Justine, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Every citizen in New York State has most certainly benefited, in one way or another, from the deep dedication, intelligence and commitment former Assemblyman Nicholas Perry brought to his work as a legislator, loyal friend, and trusted advisor; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to reflect upon those outstanding individuals who have made everlasting contributions on behalf of their fellow man and have truly left their mark on this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud the many accomplishments of former Assemblyman Nicholas Perry, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to former New York State Assemblyman N. Nicholas Perry.