

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 56th Anniversary of the world famous African Record Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to the cultural heritage of the ethnic groups and their respected organizations 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 full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 56th Anniversary of the world famous African Record Center; and

WHEREAS, From humble beginnings in 1969, the world famous African Record Center, also known as the ARC Distributor, has served as a mecca of African culture and music in Brooklyn, New York for the last 56 years; and

WHEREAS, Owned and operated by brothers Roger Francis and Rudy Francis, the world famous African Record Center specializes in Afrobeat, Zouk, and Calypso records; in addition to music, they sell Caribbean crafts, including handwoven baskets and sculptures, masks, and instruments; and

WHEREAS, Truly making a noble effort to preserve African culture, the world famous African Record Center since its opening has distributed, promoted, and introduced African music to its community; their first efforts were to introduce African music into the United States because before that time nothing existed; and

WHEREAS, With their first store based in Harlem, Manhattan, the world famous African Record Center's crowning achievement is that they are able to bring African nationals together from all over the continent, whether they are dignitaries from the United Nations or African students, to meet in New York City; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, talent and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and dignity of life in the community, are worthy and due full praise and recognition for their noble and dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 56th Anniversary of the world famous African Record Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the African Record Center Ltd.