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commemorating the first visit of a Dominican Senate President to the New York State Senate, Honorable Eduardo Estrella, and recognizing the importance of the relationship between the Dominican Republic and NYS

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge leaders of exceptional character and accomplishment, whose endeavors have enriched the lives of the citizens of the Dominican Republic and 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 first visit of a Dominican Senate President to the New York State Senate, Honorable Eduardo Estrella, and to recognize the importance of the relationship between the Dominican Republic and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Eduardo Estrella, a Dominican civil engineer and politician, is the current President of the Senate of the Dominican Republic, and served as Secretary of State in the Ministry of Public Works and Communications of the Dominican Republic from 1991-1994; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Eduardo Estrella was elected Senator for the province of Santiago de los Caballeros in 1994-1998 and currently in the period (2020-2024), and during his time as Secretary of State of Public Works and Communications, he carried out an efficient and transparent management before employees, contractors, and the public opinion, supervising all works executed and maintenance assistants throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Under The Honorable Eduardo Estrella's administration, hundreds of schools were constructed throughout the country, and a national plan for the reconstruction of local roads was executed, as well as the expansion of airports, construction of bridges and breakwaters, and hundreds of kilometers of streets and avenues were paved in the main cities of the national geography; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Eduardo Estrella's leadership and accomplishments have contributed to the strengthening of the relationship between the Dominican Republic and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Eduardo Estrella has facilitated the exchange of ideas and experiences with multiple elected officials, including the first letter of invitation to collaborate with the New York Senate, addressed to Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins in 2022, and hosted the first delegation of New York State Senators to visit the Senate of the Dominican Republic on an official trip in the same year, where he facilitated the first legislative meeting in the history of New York

State and the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize Honorable Eduardo Estrella's visit to the New York State Senate on May 17, 2023, and his contributions to the betterment of the Dominican Republic and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it resolved

That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the first visit of a Dominican Senate President to the New York State Senate, Honorable Eduardo Estrella, and to recognize his achievements and the importance of the relationship between the Dominican Republic and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Eduardo Estrella.