

BY: Senator SEPULVEDA

HONORING Carlos Enrique Mendoza upon the occasion of becoming the first Rookie Manager in New York Mets history to make it to the postseason

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and coaches who excel in professional athletics, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing this great Empire State with pride and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carlos Enrique Mendoza upon the occasion of becoming the first Rookie Manager in New York Mets history to make it to the postseason; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Enrique Mendoza, born November 27, 1979, is a professional baseball manager for the New York Mets of Major League Baseball (MLB); he previously served as a bench coach for the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, Of proud Hispanic heritage, Carlos Mendoza was born, raised and attended college in Venezuela; he went on to play Minor League Baseball for 13 seasons, signing as a free agent with the San Francisco Giants and playing for the New York Yankees organization as a utility infielder; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Mendoza became a member of the Staten Island Yankees coaching staff in 2009 before joining the Charleston RiverDogs in 2010; during the 2011 campaign, he served as the manager of the Gulf Coast League Yankees; he then returned to the RiverDogs as their manager before the 2012 season and became a roving defensive instructor in the Yankees' organization after the 2012 season; and

WHEREAS, After the 2017 season, the Yankees promoted Carlos Mendoza to their major league coaching staff as an infield coach; on November 11, 2019, he was named the bench coach of the Yankees; and

WHEREAS, On November 13, 2023, Carlos Mendoza was named the manager of the New York Mets, signing a three-year contract with a club option for a fourth year; and

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2024, the Mets clinched a playoff spot, making Carlos Mendoza the first in Mets history to make the postseason in his first season, as a rookie manager; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Carlos Mendoza, after defeating the Milwaukee Brewers in the Wild Card Series and the Philadelphia Phillies in the Division Series, the Mets ended their 2024 season after a 10-5 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series; and

WHEREAS, On November 11, 2024, Carlos Mendoza was named a finalist for National League Manager of the Year for his successful turnaround of the Mets; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of his extraordinary rookie managerial season provides a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to honor Carlos Enrique Mendoza for his accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carlos Enrique Mendoza upon the occasion of becoming the first Rookie Manager in New York Mets history to make it to the postseason; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carlos Enrique Mendoza.