

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hugo J. Barrera upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Profiles in Courage Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 5, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity and whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 honor Special Agent in Charge Hugo J. Barrera upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Profiles in Courage Award by the National Police Defense Foundation, to be celebrated at its 2011 Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Hugo J. Barrera has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, A native of Cuba, Hugo J. Barrera received his Bachelor's Degree from Barry Catholic University, in Miami Shores, Florida; as a veteran law enforcement professional, he became a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Special Agent in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Hugo J. Barrera conducted numerous national and international undercover operations; he developed the ATF Home Invasion Investigation, which is now a National Program; he spent seven years as a City of Miami Police Officer in which he served as a Homicide Detective; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Special Agent Hugo J. Barrera entered ATF's management ranks and served in numerous positions; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1998, Hugo J. Barrera was appointed as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Houston Field Division; he was appointed as the Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Field Division, overseeing ATF's investigative efforts in South Florida during post 9-11 terrorist attacks, and directing explosives threat assessments of government buildings and structures in the South Florida area; and

WHEREAS, In July 2008, he returned to Miami, where he is now responsible for ATF operations in South Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; due to the proximity of the Caribbean and the Americas, he is also responsible for the prevention of the proliferation of illegal firearms trafficking into these affected areas; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his returning to the Miami Field Division for his second tour as SAC, Hugo J. Barrera served as Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Senior Executive Service, Special Agent Hugo J. Barrera has served as a member of the Executive Committees of the South Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force and of the Anti-Terrorism Task Force; he is certified as an Anti-Terrorist Specialist and has been involved in law enforcement/terrorism investigations, and intelligence activities alongside United States military; he serves on the Firearms Committee of the IACP, and is a member of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators; in addition, he was the President of the ATF Hispanic Agents Association for three years; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Special Agent Hugo J. Barrera was the proud recipient of the prestigious Attorney General's Award of Excellence, earned while serving as the Deputy Assistant Director of development of the

network for the International Bomb Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Hugo J. Barrera over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the wellbeing and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hugo J. Barrera upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Profiles in Courage Award by the National Police Defense Foundation on May 5, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hugo J. Barrera.