

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Grand Council of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Grand Council of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Historical Archive and Documentation Division of the Order is coordinating this special event; the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. is a worldwide fraternal and benevolent organization with its Headquarters at the landmark building located at 65-67 Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Independent United Order of Mechanics, "The Order," was established in Lancashire, England in 1757 and received its authority by Act of the British Parliament; branches were established in South Africa, followed by other branches in Jamaica, Demerara, Trinidad, Cuba, Panama, Canada, Barbados, Grenada, Suriname, Dutch West Indies, Belize, Spanish Honduras, and Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, In 1910, The Order was established in the United States of America and was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York; the headquarters of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. was transferred to New York in 1941, where it is presently maintained; and

WHEREAS, This special organization consists of District Grand Jurisdictions, Lodges, Chapters, and Youth Sectors; and

WHEREAS, The Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc., is a well ordered, properly regulated and astutely governed society of Lodges formed for the mutual uplifting of its members; a Mechanics Lodge is a group of men and women who have voluntarily formed themselves into a family exemplifying all the high ideals and expectations of a well regulated, closely-knit organization; and

WHEREAS, Mechanism teaches members to know themselves and to appreciate others by their character and humanity, thus, there are no economic, social, racial, ethnic or other superficial barriers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Grand Council of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc., past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Grand Council of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Grand Council of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc.