Senate Resolution No. 545

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celebrating the historic visit of the Honorable Dr. Milton Ray Guevara, President of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic, to the New York State Senate and Court of Appeals

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the historic visit of the Honorable Dr. Milton Ray Guevara, President of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic, to the New York State Senate and Court of Appeals on Monday, April 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, President Milton Ray Guevara's visit to the New York State Senate will mark the first time a representative from the highest court of the Dominican Republic to have done so; and

WHEREAS, The visit by President Milton Ray Guevara and the full body of the Constitutional Court is an important milestone in establishing fraternal relations between the highest courts of the Dominican Republic and New York, and a testament to the commitment of President Guevara to share the common values of democracy and respect for the Constitution in both the Dominican Republic and New York; and

WHEREAS, During the historic visit, President Milton Ray Guevara will offer the first conferences in the New York State Senate, open to the public, highlighting the importance of constitutional respect, collaboration, and the contributions of dual citizenship, a status held by many New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, President Milton Ray Guevara has previously organized a series of conferences entitled "Constitution and Dominican Diaspora: Advances and Challenges" in coordination with the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in New York, providing a forum for discussions on the Constitution, Fundamental Rights, and Social Communication, and emphasizing the importance of the educational work developed by the Constitutional Court in training Dominicans living abroad and their descendants on the content and scope of the Constitution and their responsibilities as constituents in the United States, particularly in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, President Milton Ray Guevara has been a tireless fighter for minority rights in New York, lecturing on constitutional law at various universities and assisting community organizations and the Dominican consulate with his knowledge of constitutional law and legal

procedures to help disadvantaged communities in New York with their needs in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, President Milton Ray Guevara has highlighted the importance of democratic participation and the significant and exemplary democratic advances of the State of New York, as well as the benefits that dual citizenship has brought to Dominicans residing in New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Senate celebrates the historic visit of the Honorable Dr. Milton Ray Guevara, President of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic, to the New York State Senate and Court of Appeals, and recognizes his exceptional contributions to the New York Dominican diaspora through his educational and advocacy work on constitutional law and minority rights, and extends its gratitude for his efforts in promoting democratic participation and collaboration 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 Dr. Milton Ray Guevara, President of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic.