Assembly Resolution No. 944

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CELEBRATING "Premios Soberanos" and the visionary leadership of ACROARTE's President, Wanda Sanchez, for their exceptional contributions to the Dominican community in the State of New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York, a melting pot of cultural diversity and artistic achievement, proudly recognizes and celebrates the contributions of its vibrant Dominican community to the state's cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate "Premios Soberanos" and the visionary leadership of ACROARTE's President, Wanda Sanchez, for their exceptional contributions to the Dominican community in the State of New York, and to commemorate its inaugural broadcast in New York, as well as the recent renaming of a street in Washington Heights to "Premios Soberanos Way" at 175th Street and Broadway in Manhattan on March 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1985, "Premios Soberanos" has celebrated its first United States broadcast through a historic collaboration with Univision New York, allowing the Hispanic community in New York to engage with this prestigious ceremony that honors excellence in film, classical arts, theater, music, television, and radio; and

WHEREAS, This event's expansion to the United States, specifically its broadcast across New York, signifies the increasing influence and importance of the "Premios Soberanos," connecting the entire Dominican and Hispanic communities in the State of New York with their cultural heritage and bringing Dominican culture to the forefront of a global audience; and

WHEREAS, The strategic foresight and leadership of Wanda Sanchez, President of ACROARTE, alongside the dedication of the "Premios Soberanos" team, have been crucial in showcasing this event on an international stage, thus promoting Dominican cultural excellence worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York further acknowledges the cultural significance of the "Premios Soberanos" by renaming a street in Washington Heights, a testament to the enduring impact of this event on the local community and its contribution to the multicultural landscape of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pauses in its deliberations to extend its heartfelt congratulations to "Premios Soberanos" and its President, Wanda Sanchez, on its remarkable expansion and inaugural broadcast in New York, and for its pivotal role in enhancing cultural connections and enriching the cultural diversity of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of ACROARTE, Wanda Sanchez.