Assembly Resolution No. 883

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COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of Guyana's freedom from British rule and recognizing Guyanese Independence Day to honor the nation's freedom

WHEREAS, On May 26, 1966, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana gained independence from British colonial rule; it marked a historic moment of national sovereignty, self-determination, and pride for the Guyanese people; and

WHEREAS, Guyanese Independence Day and honoring the nation's 60 years of independence are vital recognitions of the continued resilience, strength, and unity of its people who fought for freedom, dignity, and the right to govern themselves while continuing to be a global catalyst for positive change; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Guyana is home to a richly diverse cultural heritage shaped by the contributions of Afro-Guyanese, Indo-Guyanese, Indigenous peoples, and communities of Portuguese, Chinese, and European descent, creating a vibrant melting pot and prosperous society; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to the largest Guyanese Diaspora population in the nation whose communities have significantly contributed to advancing vital areas such as education, business, the arts, public service, healthcare, and more, ultimately enriching the social and cultural fabric of our State; and

WHEREAS, Guyanese Independence Day is an opportunity to reflect on the Guyanese fight for freedom, while honoring the sacrifices of those who paved the way, as well as to celebrate our shared values of unity, progress, and national pride; and

WHEREAS, Celebrations of Guyanese independence-marked by parades, cultural showcases, cuisine, music, and community events-unite New Yorkers in continuing to welcome our Guyanese neighbors, while bringing all together in a shared spirit of pride, remembrance, and joy; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing and celebrating the 60th anniversary Guyanese Independence affirms our commitment to respecting diversity, inclusion, and our commitment to honor all the cultural identities that comprise the great fabric of our State; and

WHEREAS, The people of New York share deep historical, familial, and economic ties with the people of Guyana, and proudly join in celebrating cultural traditions and enduring friendships that unite us; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Guyana's freedom from British rule and recognize Guyanese Independence Day to honor the nation's freedom; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Consulate General of Guyana in New York as a token of the esteem and appreciation held by the people of New York State.