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Res. No. 799

Resolution recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Dominican Day Parade of the Bronx.

By Council Member Cabrera

Whereas, New York City (NYC), one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States (U.S.), has a long and proud history as a city of immigrants; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Census, not only is NYC home to the largest Dominican population in the country, but the largest number of NYC immigrants identify the Dominican Republic as their country of origin; and

Whereas, According to the Center for Latin American, Caribbean & Latino Studies at the City University of New York, Dominicans and Dominican-Americans represent one of the fastest growing Latino groups in both NYC and the U.S.; and

Whereas, In 1989, Felipe Febles started the Great Dominican Day Parade of the Bronx, or *La Gran Parada Dominicana del Bronx*, to commemorate the independence of the Dominican Republic in 1855; and

Whereas, A *bonche* featuring *bachata*, *diablos cojuelos*, *tamboras* and *güiras*, the Parade attracts thousands of New Yorkers to celebrate *Quisqueya* annually; and

Whereas, On July 29, 2019, the Parade, which traditionally runs along the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

Whereas, According to Febles, the Parade “has become the most prestigious Dominican event of this nature in New York City and [the next celebration] will be dedicated to the province of La Romana”; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dominican Day Parade in the Bronx.

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