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INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS 1
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April 11, 2024
Start: 11:04 a.m.
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Carlina Rivera, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David M. Carr
Kamillah Hanks
Farrah N. Louis
Chi A. Ossé
Sandra Ung
Nantasha M. Williams

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Cultural Affairs. Today's date is April
4 11, 2024, being recorded by Danny Huang in the
5 Committee Room.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the New York City vote on Cultural Affairs
8 in the Committee Room.

9 At this time, we're ready to begin,
10 Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: [GAVEL] Good morning.
12 I am Council Member Carlina Rivera, Chair of the
13 Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and
14 International Intergroup Relations.

15 Today, the Committee will vote on
16 Resolution number 74, sponsored by Council Member
17 David Carr recognizing April 17th annually as
18 Giovanni da Verrazzano Day in the City of New York.
19 The Committee originally heard this Resolution on
20 March 28, 2024.

21 Now, I would like to ask Council Member
22 Carr to provide remarks on his Resolution.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you so much,
24 Chair. Appreciate the opportunity to speak on this
25 Resolution. April 17th, next week, is 500 years since

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2 Giovanni da Verrazzano sailed into New York Harbor,
3 about 85 years before Henry Hudson did, and began a
4 series of events that led to the founding of our city
5 in the modern sense, and it's a moment in time in
6 which New Yorkers of Italian descent find the
7 connection to the genesis of the City of New York and
8 it's an incredibly powerful moment for us to be
9 celebrating because of the milestone that's coming up
10 and to celebrate and honor every year hereafter, and
11 so I thank my Colleagues for supporting this
12 Resolution, the Speaker, Chair Rivera, my Colleagues
13 who have signed on as co-sponsors, and all the folks
14 who came out to testify at the last hearing, and I
15 urge my Colleagues to vote in the affirmative, and
16 I'll be saying more at the Stated hopefully later
17 today. Thank you, Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you, Council
19 Member.

20 I would also like to thank my Staff as
21 well as the Committee Staff who worked on preparing
22 this legislation including Katie Loeb, Eddie Amador,
23 Christina Yellamaty, Regina Paul, and Sandra Gray.

24 I think we're now ready for the vote.
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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations on Resolution 74. Chair Rivera.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

Congratulations.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

Hanks.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all and congratulations, David.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

Ossé.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you. Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. With a vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in
the negative, and no abstentions, Resolution has been
adopted by the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you so much.
With that, we adjourn. Have a great day, everyone.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date May 6, 2024