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INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS 1
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November 14, 2023
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Chi A. Ossé, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Amanda Farías
Shahana Hanif
Crystal Hudson
Rita C. Joseph
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Sandra Ung

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
3 welcome to the New York City Council Committee on
4 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International
5 Intergroup Relations.

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7 vibrate or silent mode.

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9 to testimony@council.nyc.gov. Once again, that's
10 testimony@council.nyc.gov.

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12 approach the dais.

13 Thank you for your cooperation.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: [GAVEL] Good morning. I
16 am Council Member Chi Ossé, Chair of the Committee on
17 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International
18 Intergroup Relations.

19 Today, the Committee will vote on
20 Proposed Resolution number 621-A, designating
21 November 15th annually as Ol' Dirty Bastard Day in
22 the City of New York and honoring his legacy as a
23 founder of the legendary Wu-Tang Clan and as a unique
24 MC. This resolution, which I have sponsored,
25 celebrates the life of a true giant in the world of

1 hip-hop. ODB really needs no introduction from me. We
2 all remember him as an icon of the music scene in New
3 York City, the music scene that spread worldwide. As
4 the Resolution says, ODB is known for his half-sung,
5 half-rap style with free associative rhymes that have
6 stood the test of time or, as Rolling Stone Magazine
7 put it, "a like-it-raw vibe that disguised lyrical
8 chops, a jazzy flow, and hip-hop's greatest can't-
9 sing voice since Biz Markie."

11 I would like to thank my Staff as well as
12 the Committee Staff and others who worked on
13 preparing this legislation including May
14 Vutrapongvatana, my Budget and Policy Director;
15 Christina Yellamaty, Counsel to the Committee; Regina
16 Paul, Legislative Policy Analyst to the Committee who
17 also drafted the resolution; and Sandra Gray, our
18 Financial Analyst.

19 I think we are ready for the vote. Billy,
20 please take it away.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
22 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
23 vote Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and
24 International Intergroup Relations, Proposed
25 Resolution 621-A. Chair Ossé.

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CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

Farías.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

Hudson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

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

CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: Thank you. Without
further ado, I am closing today's vote.

Oh, can Council Member Hanif vote? I'm
sorry.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

Continuation roll call Committee on Cultural Affairs.
Council Member Moya.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Council Member Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote aye. Thank
you.

COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
you. Vote is now eight in the affirmative, zero in
the negative, and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON OSSÉ: Without further ado,
I'm closing today's vote. Thank you very much.

[GAVEL]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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 November 17, 2023