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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter S. Kalikow upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Kalikow has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter S. Kalikow upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Hofstra University on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at its 13th Annual Gala; and

WHEREAS, Born in New York City, Peter Kalikow received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1966 from Hofstra University; he is President of H. J. Kalikow & Company, LLC, one of New York City's leading real estate firms; in addition, he is the former Chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), former Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and past owner and publisher of the NEW YORK POST; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2000, Peter Kalikow was named Chairman of the Grand Central Partnership Board of Directors; the Grand Central Partnership is one of the largest and most successful Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Peter Kalikow began his career in real estate in 1967 and became President of H. J. Kalikow & Co. in 1973; following his father's death in 1982, he assumed responsibility for all Kalikow holdings; he is the third generation to preside over his family's 82-year-old real estate company founded in 1927; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1994, Peter Kalikow was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of the State of New York; he served on the Board as its Chairman until October of 2007; in April of 1995, he was appointed a Commissioner of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Peter Kalikow is an active participant in every major real estate association and has served as director of many organizations; he is also extremely active in civic affairs and numerous religious and philanthropic efforts; many awards attest to his efforts, generosity and participation in these causes; and

WHEREAS, Peter Kalikow is a Trustee of New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Chairman of the Real Estate Committee; in May of 1997, the Peter and Mary Kalikow Pediatric Intensive Care Unit was established at New York Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Peter Kalikow served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund and is a founder of the Museum of Jewish Heritage; in 1995, he received the Jerusalem 3000 Award from the State of Israel Bonds for his efforts as General Chairman, Real Estate Division of Israel Bonds for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Peter Kalikow was awarded the "Commendatore in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" by the Consul General of Italy Francesco M. Talo; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, their two children, Nicholas and Kathryn, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Peter Kalikow has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter S. Kalikow upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter S. Kalikow.