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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Con Edison researcher Rashal Mahamud upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Con Edison researcher Rashal Mahamud upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, In metropolitan areas, stray voltage issues have become a major concern, and many of these areas have large amounts of aging underground and aboveground electrical distribution equipment in crowded public spaces; a low rate of insulation failures or current leakage could possibly result in hazardous exposure of the general public; in New York City, Con Edison has had frequent incidents of stray voltage, including a 2004 electrocution death of an individual; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York, Rashal Mahamud is an associate engineer in the Distribution Engineering Department at Con Edison; he received the prestigious industry award for his work on a project to make the delivery of electricity safer; he was recognized by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a national energy research organization; and

WHEREAS, Rashal Mahamud, who has worked for Con Edison since 2009, worked with two colleagues on research into using smartphones and tablets to detect dangerous stray voltage on city streets; it has been determined that the faster a utility can find stray voltage, the faster crews can make repairs, ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Rashal Mahamud's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative

Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Con Edison researcher Rashal Mahamud upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rashal Mahamud.