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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James Durrah upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic on July 1, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to bettering the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James Durrah upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic; and

WHEREAS, James Durrah will be honored by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic at its 11th Anniversary Celebration, a salute to New York City's nonprofits and the neighborhoods they serve, to be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Steiner Studios 6, Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, James Durrah has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been selected to receive this most prestigious accolade; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New York for the past 32 years, James Durrah is a career civil servant who currently serves as Assistant Commissioner for Operations in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this position, James Durrah worked for the United States Public Health Services as a Public Health Policy Manager for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, Memphis, Tennessee, and New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Durrah is also an Adjunct Professor of English and Writing at Touro College and serves as a member of the Nominating Committee for the New York City Municipal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, James Durrah has been

called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary leader, James Durrah is a former Executive Vice President of the New York City Managerial Employees Association, where he has maintained an active membership for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, James Durrah is the past President of both the 500 Block MacDonough Street Association and the P.S. 70 Community Association; he has also served as the Corresponding Secretary and Vice President of the 81st Police Precinct Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Today, James Durrah is Board President of the Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford Stuyvesant and is a member of the Bedford Stuyvesant International Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his service, a period of constructive involvement, James Durrah has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, James Durrah earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina and a Master's degree in Public Administration from New York University; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, his three children, as well as his two granddaughters, 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 James Durrah has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James Durrah upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic on July 1, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Durrah.