

## 2009-J2994

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bruce Varon upon the occasion of receiving the Jawonio Friends Award from the Jawonio Foundation on October 24, 2009

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, Bruce Varon has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bruce Varon upon the occasion of receiving the Jawonio Friends Award from the Jawonio Foundation at its 44th Annual Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Dellwood Country Club, New City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year Jawonio honors individuals who have exemplified the spirit of compassion in their lives and careers through their support and commitment to Jawonio; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Varon is a man of singular distinction who through his actions and deeds has made a significant impact on the lives of people with disabilities and special needs throughout his community; and

WHEREAS, For over 15 years, Bruce Varon has worked for Hoffman LaRoche and for the past 26 years, he has diligently served as the Divisional Director of Youth Activities for United Synagogue Youth (USY); he has

also served as a Trustee for the Reuben Gittelman Hebrew Day School; and  
WHEREAS, Each December, since 1994, Bruce Varon has coordinated a very special event for individuals with disabilities at Jawonio; utilizing the Jawonio work center in New City, he and more than 200 teenagers from USY, have created the Jawonio Holiday Carnival, which continues to thrive today; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New City, New York, Bruce Varon has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Bruce Varon has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 27 years and their two sons, 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 Bruce Varon 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 honor Bruce Varon upon the occasion of receiving the Jawonio Friends Award from the Jawonio Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce Varon.