

## 2009-J553

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Paul Romano upon the occasion of his designation as Man of the Year by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility on March 8, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Paul Romano upon the occasion of his designation as Man of the Year by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility at its annual luncheon to be held on Sunday, March 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 20, 1960, in Brooklyn, New York, Paul Romano is the only child of Marie and John Romano; and

WHEREAS, Paul Romano became a union plumber when he was 19 years-old at the encouragement of his grandfather, Salvatore Veni; his hard work, ingenuity, and exceptional work ethic, made him shine and by the time he was 22 he went from apprentice to foreman; and

WHEREAS, Sixteen years ago, Paul Romano and his business partner, James Salera, started Ro-Sal Plumbing and Heating; their modest beginnings comprised of Paul, James and a van; however, today they are one of the largest plumbing companies in New York City employing over 100 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Paul Romano 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, A man of singular distinction, Paul Romano has devoted many

years to the well-being of young men; leading by example and teaching life lessons about teamwork, dedication, and determination, Paul Romano is living proof that one can achieve anything through hard work and it has become his passion to send this message to all he encounters, especially young men, so that they may achieve their dreams both on and off the ball field; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Roxann, and their three children, John, Frankki, and Alexx, 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 Paul Romano 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 Paul Romano upon the occasion of his designation as Man of the Year by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Romano.