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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Community Access, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Good Neighbor Gala on May 20, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life in the communities of the great State of New York is greatly enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and institutions of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend Community Access, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Good Neighbor Gala, to be held at New York University's Kimmel Center for University Life on Wednesday, May 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Community Access is a national leader in providing affordable housing with support services to help people with psychiatric disabilities make the transition from shelters and institutions to independent living; and

WHEREAS, Community Access operates more than 800 units of affordable housing for people with disabilities and working families and an additional 240 units are under development; and

WHEREAS, To help bridge the gap between homelessness and full community participation, Community Access also provides intensive skills development, job coaching, peer counseling, and support in the creative and liberal arts to over 1,600 individuals and families annually; and

WHEREAS, Linking award winning housing to high quality support services has, for 35 years, been the mission of Community Access; as it celebrates more than three decades of helping thousands of people living with psychiatric disabilities enjoy dignified lives, it will also proudly honor several individuals who have helped to support and further that mission; and

WHEREAS, Steve Coe, Chief Executive Officer of Community Access, Inc. will be honored in recognition and appreciation of his 30 years of outstanding leadership of the organization; and Carri Lyon, Senior Director, and Mark Mandell, Executive Director, of Cushman & Wakefield,

Inc., a highly regarded commercial real estate brokerage and consulting firm, will also be honored at the Gala; and

WHEREAS, Community Access was founded in belief that people with psychiatric disabilities can lead productive, dignified, and valued lives in the community; as it celebrates its 35th Anniversary and rededicates itself to ensuring that homeless and disabled New Yorkers have homes, hope, and a better future, this Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity to commend Community Access, recognizing its 35 years of dedicated service and extraordinary accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Community Access, Inc. upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Good Neighbor Gala on May 20, 2009, to recognize its long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of those it serves, and to applaud all those who have given of themselves to help it fulfill its mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Community Access, Inc. and to the honorees of the evening.