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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joanne M. Oplustil upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joanne M. Oplustil upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 2009 Building Brooklyn Awards on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, During her 30-year tenure, Executive Director and founding figure Joanne Oplustil has overseen CAMBA's growth from a merchants association into the major economic development and social services agency it is today; and

WHEREAS, Based in Flatbush, Brooklyn with multiple locations citywide, CAMBA has provided business development, education and training, housing, family support and other social services to individuals and families for the past 32 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its prior work in providing supportive services within affordable housing and management of homeless shelters, in 2007 CAMBA Housing Ventures became an affordable housing developer, having completed two projects including Morris Manor, this year's affordable housing winner; and

WHEREAS, Ably led by Joanne Oplustil, CAMBA's multi-faceted dedicated staff of over 1,200 speaks more than 40 languages and serves residents of diverse ethnic backgrounds, including recent immigrants and refugees from the Caribbean, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and elsewhere; fifteen percent of its employees are also

former clients, which allow the organization to truly connect with those it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 Joanne M. Oplustil upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joanne M. Oplustil.