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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bob Catell and Steve Zelkowitz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition on their retirement after many years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends and family; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bob Catell and Steve Zelkowitz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition on their retirement after many years of distinguished service; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a reception hosted by Steve Holliday and National Grid, to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at the Marriott Brooklyn Bridge Ballroom, 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert B. ("call me Bob") Catell is the Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of National Grid PLC, headquartered in London, England; prior to KeySpan's acquisition by National Grid, he was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of KeySpan Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Co-Chair of the Board of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership and Chairman of the Long Island Association, Bob Catell is an ex officio Director and Chairman Emeritus of The Partnership for New York City,

Inc. and Past Chairman of the American Gas Association and the US Energy Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bob Catell is a Vice-Chairman of the US National Petroleum Council's Natural Gas Committee and is on the Board of the Business Council of New York; Keyera Energy Management, Ltd.; Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. and JP Morgan Chase, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Bob Catell has worked for National Grid, and its predecessors, KeySpan and Brooklyn Union Gas Company, for approximately 50 years; born in 1937, he received both his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and his master's degree from City College of New York; and

WHEREAS, Bob Catell and his wife are the proud parents of four daughters and a son, and have five beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Steven Zelkowitz was the Chief Administrative Officer of KeySpan Energy Assets and Supply Group of the KeySpan Corporation prior to its acquisition by National Grid; and

WHEREAS, A native New Yorker, Steven Zelkowitz was raised in Washington Heights in northern Manhattan; he graduated from Stuyvesant High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University Heights Campus of New York University; he received his Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Joining the firm of Cullen and Dykman upon graduation from law school, Steven Zelkowitz was named a partner in 1984; he was head of its Corporate/Energy Department, specializing in energy and utility law and also served on the firm's Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Steven Zelkowitz joined KeySpan as its Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel; he was promoted to Senior Vice President and General Counsel in February 2000, and elected Executive

Vice President and General Counsel in 2001; in February 2003, he was named Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer; and

WHEREAS, A member of the New York State and American Bar Associations, Steven Zelkowitz is a past Chair of the Public Utility Law Committee of

the New York State Bar Association; he also serves on the American Gas Association's Leadership Council and on the legal committees of both the American Gas Association and the Edison Electric Institute; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Steven Zelkowitz is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Brooklyn Bar Association, as well as the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Law School; and

WHEREAS, As two of Brooklyn's true sons, Bob Catell and Steve Zelkowitz have rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Brooklyn community for many years, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bob Catell and Steve Zelkowitz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition on their retirement after many years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob Catell and Steve Zelkowitz.