

## 2009-J1470

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kaceen Jordan upon the occasion of his designation by Friends of Kaiser Park as a recipient of its Community Service Award on May 7, 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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry and are greatly enriched, as well, by the availability of exceptional cultural and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kaceen Jordan, upon the occasion of his designation by Friends of Kaiser Park as a recipient of its 2009 Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Kaceen Jordan, a Brooklyn Outreach Coordinator for New York City's Partnerships for Parks, will be honored at Friends of Kaiser Park's Awards Dinner, to be held at Paradise Caterers in Brooklyn on Thursday, May 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A fitting memorial to Dr. Leon S. Kaiser, an early 20th century Brooklynite, lawyer, civic leader and a passionate educator, Kaiser Park, located in Coney Island, is 26.26 acres dedicated to public outdoor recreation which has for 75 years, first as Coney Island Lots and, since 1951, as Kaiser Park, brought beauty and pleasure into the lives of Brooklyn's residents; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Kaiser Park was formed in 2001 to help maintain and improve the park; the clean up, painting, seasonal planting and other interesting events it organizes throughout the year help make Kaiser Park a place for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Kaceen Jordan has distinguished himself in his profession and

in service to his community, just as Dr. Kaiser did, and truly merits recognition by Friends of Kaiser Park and this Legislative Body; and WHEREAS, A Brooklyn native, Kaceen Jordan currently resides in Bedford-Stuyvesant with his six-year-old daughter, Kaiya; he studied at the State University of New York College at Old Westbury and is a valued member of the Kingsborough College Liberty Partnership Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, Kaceen Jordan began working as an Outreach Coordinator with Partnerships for Parks, a joint program of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and the City Parks Foundation, in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Truly an asset to the agency, Kaceen Jordan consistently goes the extra mile to accommodate park volunteers and his coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Among the many accomplishments of which he may be justly proud are the creation of three groups to aid parks in both Brownsville and East New York, two neighborhoods where community involvement has been difficult to achieve and sustain, and his work with Friends of Kaiser Park over the past four and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Kaceen Jordan has assisted Friends of Kaiser Park in organizing several events, clean-ups, and special projects and, in 2008, he played a key role in helping the organization attain funding for the development of its website; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kaceen Jordan feels strongly about the importance of using Brooklyn's many recreation centers to increase programming geared toward outdoor greening activities and has made countless presentations to organizations and other agencies toward that end; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud individuals, such as Kaceen Jordan, who distinguish themselves in their profession and work to meet the needs of their community and

its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality of life in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Kaceen Jordan upon the occasion of his designation by Friends of Kaiser Park as the recipient of a Community Service Award at its Awards Dinner on May 7, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kaceen Jordan.