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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Corrado Manfredi upon the occasion of receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Council of Neighborhood Organizations Inc. on June 3, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Corrado Manfredi upon the occasion of receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Council of Neighborhood Organizations Inc. (C.O.N.O.) at its 26th Annual Dance to be held on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Sirico's Caterers, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Joe, Corrado Manfredi has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and subsequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Corrado Manfredi first arrived in New York in 1952; the perceptive young Italian immigrant recognized that automobiles gave individuals freedom and that the unifying love of cars bridged all barriers; it was then that he made a lifelong commitment to be a part of every American's dream to own a car; and

WHEREAS, Corrado Manfredi's esteemed career began at Safe Rambler Motors in Brooklyn, where he worked as a mechanic in between day studies at Automotive High School and night classes in automatic transmission repair; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, seven years after graduating from high school, Corrado Manfredi purchased the dealership where he worked as a teenager;

already an astute businessman, he transformed Safe Rambler into Safe Toyota, the first Toyota dealership in New York and recent winner of the Toyota President's Award for outstanding levels of performance in all areas of operation; and

WHEREAS, Today, Manfredi Auto Group is proud to run a customer-focused, family business that upholds Corrado Manfredi's traditions of trust, value and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Corrado Manfredi 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, In 1962, Joe was instrumental in establishing the Italian American Federation, an organization that helps immigrants become accustomed to life in America and in 1983, his dedication to the Brooklyn Italian American Community, earned him the distinguished Man of the Year Award from the Italian Board of Guardians; he is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Maimonides Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the integral role sports play in teaching children valuable team and leadership skills, Corrado Manfredi is the founder and president of the Mola Sports Club; he is also a member of the Board of Directors of the US Soccer Federation and has served as president of the Italian-American Soccer League and the National Champion Brooklyn Italian Soccer team; in 1998, he acquired The Staten Island Vipers, an A-League Division soccer franchise; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Corrado Manfredi has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and

sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Corrado Manfredi upon the occasion of receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Council of Neighborhood Organizations Inc. on June 3, 2010; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Corrado Manfredi.