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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending William Scott Wilkins, upon the occasion of receiving the Men of Distinction Award on June 10, 2010

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, William Scott Wilkins has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William Scott Wilkins, upon the occasion of receiving the Men of Distinction Award, to be celebrated on June 10, 2010, at the 3rd Annual Men of Distinction Award Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Presently Bill Wilkins is the Director for Economic Development for the Local Development Corporation of East New York; his responsibilities include, but are not limited to, managing several City and State economic development districts that are set aside specifically to bring investment, tax incentives and employment opportunities to East Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilkins was born, raised and fortunately, resides in East Brooklyn; this gives him invaluable insight to the many economic issues facing the community and brings a much needed local perspective and response; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilkins also recognizes that a community's well-being rests with the economic well-being of the individual, as such, he counsels residents in a wide range of financial literacy issues; so, it is with little surprise that his perspective of the community is sought after by advisory boards, media outlets and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Syracuse University, Bill Wilkins has also enhanced his professional life with certifications from Harvard University, the American Banking Institute and the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs; he is a strong advocate for the youth in the community, having been personally affected by events resulting from youth violence and as such, is committed to ways that redirect youth energy

into positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilkins is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Trey Whitfield School, former Board Member of the Minority Education Sports and Arts, and a member of Berean Missionary Baptist Church, as well as Kappa Alpha Psi; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilkins is married to Denyce Wilkins, an attorney with the City of New York and together they manage the loving demands of their three children, Danielle and Danah, presently attending Spellman College and Jahquan, as aspiring 11-year-old actor, attending Trey Whitfield School; and

WHEREAS, William Wilkins 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, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, William Wilkins 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 William Wilkins has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend William Scott Wilkins, upon the occasion of receiving the Men of Distinction Award on June 10, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Scott Wilkins.