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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing and Family Services on June 17, 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 Michael Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing and Family Services at its Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at the Rex Manor, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Michael Buono has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and profession; and

WHEREAS, Michael Buono is a lifelong educator who attended St. Francis College in Brooklyn; he began his career as a student teacher at JHS 126 in Williamsburg; the following year he was assigned to IS 33 in Bedford-Stuyvesant where he taught until 1991; at that time he left the classroom to become an Assistant Principal at the school in 1992; five years later he made the difficult decision to leave IS 33 to become the principal of PS 132 in Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, During Michael Buono's tenure as principal, PS 132 underwent a multi-million dollar building renovation; upon completion, he petitioned the school board to add seventh and eighth grades making it the only pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school in District 14; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Michael Buono was selected to become a member of the Distinguished Faculty of the New York City Department of Education; it was a small, select group of educators chosen by their superintendents and appointed by the Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, In this role Michael Buono attended a summer leadership course at Harvard University; that fall he began training his first cohort of newly appointed New York City principals; over a three-year period he trained 30 of these newly appointed school leaders; for three summers he presented workshops for the New Principal Institute; during this time he earned two certificates from the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Michael Buono retired from the New York City Department of Education, but not from education; he worked in the "New Leaders" program at Hunter College in Manhattan as well as the leadership program at Mercy College in the Bronx; at St. John's University he served as an adjunct professor supervising student teachers while they did their field work; and

WHEREAS, Michael Buono is currently working at IS 62 as a Department of Education consultant; he joins a hard-working staff and is using his expertise to assist them in continuing to reach new and exciting goals; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Michael Buono 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, Michael Buono has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marie, their three children, Marissa, Michael and Monica, son-in-law, Jonathan, and grandson, Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michael Buono 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 Michael Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing and Family Services on June 17, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Buono.