

## 2011-J1506

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Josephine Beckmann upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavor, in their community, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Josephine Beckmann upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Beckmann will be honored at the school's Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, to be held at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Brooklyn on Wednesday, May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future; Brooklyn's Fontbonne Hall Academy has a proud and rich history of providing young women with an educational foundation which is both strong and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy has been a leader in educating young women for more than 71 years; it is a college-preparatory school whose mission is to offer a superior educational program while forming and empowering young women of confidence and compassion; located in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, its students come from southwest Brooklyn, southern Queens and Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, Fontbonne Hall Academy proudly honors outstanding members of the Fontbonne family and community who exemplify and support its mission and whose lives and accomplishments epitomize the character and tenets of the school,

inducting them into its Hall of Fame; Josephine Beckmann truly merits this high honor; and

WHEREAS, A 1986 graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School, also an all girls high school, Josephine Beckmann went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Saint Francis College in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Beckmann began a full-time career working for the New York City Council in 1990; working for Council Member Stephen DiBrienza, she served as a community liaison, working with local government agencies to resolve community based problems, organizing graffiti cleanups, and working closely with block associations and neighborhood groups to refurbish local parks and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Josephine Beckmann moved to Dyker Heights with her young family and though she continued to work for the New York City Council until 2001, she also quickly became an active and valued member of her new community as well; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, she rejuvenated the 800 Block Association of 70th Street and worked with residents on local quality of life issues; her local community activism continued through 2002, when she started the United Neighbors Association of Fort Hamilton Parkway, a local civic organization which grew to over 100 member families living adjacent to the Fort Hamilton Parkway shopping strip from 66th Street to 74th Street, where she raised awareness of the need for the regulation of Internet Cafes, organized semi-annual graffiti cleanups and worked with the 68th Police Precinct to deal with local safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, In November 2003, Josephine Beckmann became District Manager of Community Board Ten, serving ably in this capacity, she has been a staunch advocate for the residents of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Fort

Hamilton, working diligently on all city service delivery problems brought to the attention of the District Office; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Josephine Beckmann was happy to be able to assist

Fontbonne Hall Academy gain approval for a soon to be installed traffic light on the corner of Shore Road and 99th Street which will greatly enhance the safety of Fontbonne students and area residents; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Beckmann is also a strong supporter of teen community service and enjoys teaching area students about civic involvement; in addition, she serves as a member of the 68th Precinct Community Council and the Dyker Heights Civic Association and is a parishioner at Saint Ephrem Roman Catholic Church in Dyker Heights; and

WHEREAS, In recognition and appreciation of her service to her community, she has received numerous citations from local officials, as well as from local community-based organizations including the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Advocates for Services for the Blind-Multi-Handicapped, the 68th Precinct Community Council, and the Neighborhood Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, With Josephine Beckmann throughout have been her husband John Beckmann, a New York City Police Department Lieutenant, and their daughters, Jayne and Annemarie, all of whom are proud to be part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Beckmann is an outstanding example to the youth of the community, especially the young women of Fontbonne Hall Academy, on how to give back, having spent so much working on behalf others, including Fontbonne Hall Academy, which is fittingly proud to induct her into its Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding accomplishment are brought to its attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Josephine Beckmann upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance on May 4, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Josephine Beckmann.