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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Bay Ridge Community Council upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary

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 distinguish themselves in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Bay Ridge Community Council upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, to be celebrated at its 60th Annual Dinner Dance, to be held at El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn on Thursday, June 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council was organized in 1951 to promote the moral, social and economic welfare of the people of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Fort Hamilton; each of its more than 100 member organizations appoints delegates to represent them at the Council; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the year the Bay Ridge Community Council sponsors many events and other activities; its Halloween Art Contest and Track and Field Meet were introduced in 1952; over the years other events including the Community Picnic, Essay Contest, Photography Contest, Make A Difference Day and, most recently, in 2009, the Bay Ridge Night at the Cyclone's Game events have been introduced and enjoyed by many; and

WHEREAS, The Kassenbrock Brothers Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1972, awards grants-in-aid to civic-minded college bound high school seniors and grants to graduates of elementary and intermediate schools annually; awards, including the Morris Charney Science Award and the Nettie Charney Humanities Award are given annually as well; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council has also held public forums

on such topics as Child Abuse, Apartment Cooperative Conversions, the New York City Transit System, the Gowanus and Fifth Avenue Reconstruction Projects and Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens as well as election year debates for candidates for public office and forums open to all school board candidates in Community School District 20; and WHEREAS, Health Fairs and Forums on such subjects as Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Skin Cancer, Hypertension, Smoking, Glaucoma, Mental Health, AIDS, Domestic Violence, Catastrophic Health Insurance, Diets and Dieting, Health Care Options, and West Nile Virus have also been conducted as have similar forums on such environmental matters as the Owls Head Water Treatment Plant, Truck Route Management and the Community Impact Reduction Study; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Council has proudly sponsored the planting of more than 1,000 street trees, the Dyker Park clean-up of rodents and raccoons, Graffiti Clean Ups, and the "It's the law-Clean Up After Your Dog" program; and

WHEREAS, Equally proudly, the Bay Ridge Community Council considers its successful campaign to save Fort Hamilton, its opposition to the construction of Sunset Park Sludge Plant, its facilitation of the State Select Committee on Crime hearings in the community, and its assistance in the establishment of the Child Safe Program with the Alliance of Block Associations and the 68th Precinct to be among its many significant accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud organizations such as the Bay Ridge Community Council which 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 the Bay Ridge Community Council upon the occasion of the celebration of its 60th Anniversary at its 60th Annual Dinner Dance on June

2, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bay Ridge Community Council.