

## 2011-J2945

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Raymond Figueroa upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to DOMI/Turning Point

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Raymond Figueroa upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to DOMI/Turning Point; he officially retired on Friday, September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 1989, Raymond Figueroa rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to DOMI/Turning Point, a non-profit organization which helps economically disadvantaged individuals in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ray Figueroa began his luminous career with DOMI/Turning Point as an Assistant to the Executive Director; throughout his tenure, he has served as Facility Manager, Housing Development Coordinator, Program Director, Director of Operations, Deputy Executive Director, and finally as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Ray Figueroa was responsible for the development of permanent low-income housing opportunities, special needs housing, and HIV/AIDS outreach and case management services in Red Hook; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Ray Figueroa became the Executive Director of DOMI/Turning Point; in this capacity he served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Ray Figueroa completed Pratt Institute's Community and Economic Development Internship Program and served as a panelist for the

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) HIV Prevention Program Capacity-Building proposal; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Ray Figueroa was one of ten recipients nationally of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program Award; and

WHEREAS, One year later, this remarkable man was honored on World AIDS Day at the United Nations as one of the first recipients of the National HIV/AIDS Partnership's "Red Ribbon" Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Ray Figueroa was honored by the Brooklyn Borough President as one of Brooklyn's leading Hispanic citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Figueroa is the President of SIBRO and President of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Outreach Workers (BOW) Network; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Raymond Figueroa was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with DOMI/Turning Point, Raymond Figueroa earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Raymond Figueroa upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond Figueroa.