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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the dedication of the Samuel Quentzel Memorial by the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association on May 16, 2012

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 those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Samuel Quentzel Memorial by the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association, to be celebrated at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Henry Quentzel Plumbing Supply Co., Inc. in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s Samuel Quentzel joined his father, Henry Quentzel at the Henry Quentzel Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Working with his father, Samuel Quentzel, a licensed professional engineer, helped his father to expand the business by broadening its scope and specialty products in the plumbing industry; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, on September 4, 1986, Samuel Quentzel, a husband and father of three, lost his life in the driveway of his Woodmere home in what authorities believed to be a botched robbery attempt; and

WHEREAS, The case remained a cold case up until May of 2007, when Ann Quentzel and her son, Andrew, contacted the District Attorney's office in the hopes of renewing the investigation into Samuel's murder; and

WHEREAS, Through DNA technology and the combined commitment of the District Attorney's Office and the Police Department, 24 years later, the assailants were identified and brought to justice; and

WHEREAS, Today, Andrew Quentzel and his family continue to keep Samuel Quentzel's legacy alive; and

WHEREAS, Henry Quentzel Plumbing Supply Co., Inc. has operated in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood for most of its sixty years and has supported the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association since its conception; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association's greenery and beautification project, the Samuel Quentzel Memorial was included to show its appreciation and support to this remarkable family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the dedication of the Samuel Quentzel Memorial by the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association on May 16, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Van Buren Street 100 Strong Block Association and Henry Quentzel Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.