

## 2013-J360

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. upon the occasion of its 2013 Annual Red and White Winter Gala and applauding the honorees of the evening

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have been dedicated to improving the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. upon the occasion of its Annual Red and White Winter Gala to be held at Antun's of Queens Village, New York, on Friday, February 8, 2013, and to commend the honorees of the evening; and

WHEREAS, On this festive occasion the Stuy Park Lions Club will present a Community Service Award to John King; the Ecumenical Award to The Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman; Education Awards to Elena Graham-Kennedy and Sohndra Snead; the Youth Award to Chelsea Douglas; and Robert J. Uplinger Community Service Awards to Lion Valeria Steveson and Lion Lena Scarborough-Gates; and

WHEREAS, The Stuy Park Lions Club, renowned for its dedication to the Stuyvesant Park community and its residents, is part of the largest worldwide service organization, Lions Clubs International, with nearly 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas who work together to respond to needs that challenge communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to identifying and meeting local community needs as well, the Stuy Park Lions Club may take pride in its history of support of Lions International and of local charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, What became Lions Clubs International was founded by Chicago business leader Melvin Jones in 1917 when he asked a simple, world-changing question: "What if people put their talents to work improving their communities?"; and

WHEREAS, Just a few years later, in 1925, Helen Keller, addressing the

Lions International convention in Ohio, urged the young service club to serve the blind and visually impaired, challenging the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," a challenge immediately accepted by Lions International and to which its members have been committed and known worldwide since that time; and WHEREAS, The motto of the Lions is "We Serve" and the Stuy Park Lions Club has certainly served the community well; chartered in 1992, Stuy Park Lions Club's dedicated members have created an enduring legacy of service and pride of community; and

WHEREAS, The Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. works diligently to help Lions Clubs International achieve its vision of being the global leader in community and humanitarian service and fully supports its mission of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs; and

WHEREAS, During its nearly 21 years of service, the Stuy Park Lions Club, has undertaken many fundraising projects to support its praiseworthy endeavors; in addition to its work on behalf of the blind and visually and hearing impaired, it helps to support many other worthy causes and organizations throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, The Stuy Park Lions Club and its members exemplify the Lions' motto, "We Serve"; the dedication to community service prevalent among all those associated with the club merits the recognition and applause

of this Legislative Body and the appreciation of all those who benefit from its services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. and its members, past and present, upon the occasion of its Annual Red and White Winter Gala on February 8, 2013, and to applaud the honorees of the evening; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Stuy Park Lions Club, Inc. and to each of the aforementioned award recipients.