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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Philip A. DeFina upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc.

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip A. DeFina has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Philip A. DeFina upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc.; his contributions to the community will be celebrated at the organization's 20th Annual Baseball Fundraiser on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc. provides and maintains baseball fields for use by neighborhood youth organizations and schools in Brooklyn, New York, allowing thousands of children to play baseball in a clean and safe environment at no cost to them or their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip A. DeFina has generously contributed his time and talents to advancing the mission of this esteemed organization as a valued member of its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Philip DeFina is the founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Scientific Officer of the International Brain Research Foundation, Inc., (IBRF), where he spearheads collaborations among top neuros-

cientists and research facilities around the world by facilitating and coordinating cutting-edge research in the field of brain health; and WHEREAS, IBRF's areas of focus include: traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury; autism spectrum disorders; conditions of the aging brain, including dementia, Alzheimer's, and memory disorders; learning and attentional disorders; developmental brain disorders; and chronic and progressive neurological/neuropsychological disorders; and WHEREAS, Due to Dr. Philip Defina's astute leadership, IBRF is able to harness the talent and resources needed to tackle the complexities of the brain and provide hope for future cures; and WHEREAS, Dr. Philip DeFina is a well-known author, lecturer, and clinician; he was a guest researcher at the National Institutes of Health, as well as a member of the international neuroscience subcommittee of the World Health Organization; and WHEREAS, In addition, he has been a pioneer in developing and directing national clinical training programs in the cognitive neurosciences; and WHEREAS, Dr. Philip DeFina's invaluable efforts in bringing together the best research and minds available in the ever-changing area of brain health serve the best interests of individuals and families across this State and Nation affected by brain disease, injury, and dysfunction; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Philip DeFina has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Philip A. DeFina has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Philip A. DeFina upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Philip A. DeFina.