

## 2013-K1058

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Bayside Historical Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations that seek to bring recognition to historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Bayside Historical Society; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at its Golden Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Society's home, the Officers' Club at Historic Fort Totten Park; and

WHEREAS, At the Gala, the Bayside Historical Society will also pay tribute to several individuals who have supported this fine institution's work; the honorees include: Gary Bram, DDS, who will receive the Landmark Preservation Award; the Brown Family, recipients of the Founders Award; Rose Marie Ryan-Harrison, recipient of the Lifetime Recognition Award; Sister Kathleen Masterson, RSM, who will receive the Community Service Award; Janet McEneaney, recipient of the Community Action Award; and former member of the New York State Senate, Frank Padavan, who will be honored as a Bayside Historical Society Benefactor; and

WHEREAS, The Bayside Historical Society was founded in 1964 to collect, preserve and disseminate information concerning the history of Bayside, Queens, and its adjacent communities; to advocate for the preservation and protection of its most historic structures and distinctive neighborhoods through the landmarking process; and to strive to develop

a broad constituency of like-minded preservation and educational organizations to protect the historic integrity of its communities and collections; and

WHEREAS, The birth of the Bayside Historical Society was the culmination of several committees initiated by its founder, Joseph H. Brown, whose aims were the beautification and protection of the environment and community in which he lived, and awakening civic pride in Bayside community's long history; and

WHEREAS, In the early days of its founding, the Bayside Historical Society focused on the preservation and restoration of the Lawrence Family Cemetery, Alley Pond and Fort Totten; today the Officers' Club at Historic Fort Totten Park not only houses the Bayside Historical Society, this impressive structure is a learning destination for local schools and a resource for scholars and community groups, hosting events, exhibitions and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, The Bayside Historical Society also maintains the Lawrence Family Cemetery which, on August 2, 1967, was declared a New York City Landmark by the Landmarks Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for the Bayside Historical Society, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Bayside Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bayside Historical Society.