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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the dedication and renaming of the BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service Classroom to the Walter J. Nelson, Jr. Classroom, and honoring the memory of this beloved man

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the dedication and renaming of the BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service Classroom to the Walter J. Nelson, Jr. Classroom, and honoring the memory of this beloved man; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Plaque and Dedication Ceremony in his honor on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of Walter J. Nelson, Sr. and the late Rose P. (Rasso) Nelson, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. was born on June 4, 1954, in Brooklyn, New York; he spent his childhood in Park Slope before moving to Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. began his life-long illustrious career as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at Bay Ridge Ambulance Volunteer Organization (BRAVO); he was a life-time member of BRAVO in good standing where he held positions on the Board of Directors, Vice-President of Operations and Senior Instructor of the Training Department; and

WHEREAS, In addition, for more than three decades, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. worked for the New York City Emergency Service of the Fire Department, during which time he rose to the esteemed status of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. spent most of his career at Station 31 located in the Cumberland section of Brooklyn; he was a mentor to many

new EMT's and Paramedics who looked to him for his skills and leadership in the field of emergency medicine; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment and dedication to the community he so ably served, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. organized Christmas Toy Drives for the children in local shelters as well as Thanksgiving dinners for the less fortunate families of the neighborhood; his charitable heart and love for mankind will always be remembered by the Bay Ridge, Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, A parishioner of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish since 1977, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. served as a Saturday night Sacristan for more than 25 years; he also organized and ran the St. Vincent DePaul Annual Christmas Craft Fair for more than two decades, a fundraiser for the underprivileged of Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Walter J. Nelson, Jr.'s expertise and passion for his life's work expanded to Massachusetts where he was an adjunct Professor for Massachusetts Community Bay College; he was held in high esteem for not only his New York experience as a Lieutenant, but also his knowledge and love for the field of Emergency Medicine; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man clearly had an enduring impact on the Bay Ridge Ambulance Volunteer Organization, as well as the community-at-large, and accordingly merits just tribute and recognition for the impressive dedication he had for others throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Walter J. Nelson, Jr. is survived by his father, Walter J. Nelson, Sr.; his loving wife, Mary Theresa; son, Kristofor; daughter, Pia; sister, Donna; brother, Eric, and many loving family members; and

WHEREAS, The dedication of the BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service Classroom where Walter J. Nelson, Jr. led with such talent, zeal, and joy is a fitting tribute to a life well-lived and a life worth remember-

ing, a lasting memorial to an individual who gave honor and dignity to the field of emergency medicine; and

WHEREAS, The Walter J. Nelson, Jr. Classroom will long endure as an

inspiration and legacy to all who had the privilege and honor of knowing him, and to future generations of Emergency Medical Technicians at BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the dedication and renaming of the BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service Classroom to the Walter J. Nelson, Jr. Classroom, and honoring the memory of this beloved man; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Walter J. Nelson, Jr.