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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the dedication of a section on Rutgers Slip between South and Cherry Streets on Manhattan's Lower East Side co-named as Frank Modica Way in his honor on May 6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the dedication of a section on Rutgers Slip between South and Cherry Streets on Manhattan's Lower East Side co-named as Frank Modica Way in his honor on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Frank T. Modica, a long-standing advocate for the many diverse communities of Manhattan's Lower East Side, died on September 25, 2013, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, A social worker by training, Frank T. Modica was a celebrated leader in the settlement house movement and social services sector in the Two Bridges and Lower East Side areas of Manhattan, and throughout the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1976 until 2010, Frank T. Modica served as Executive Director of Hamilton-Madison House (HMH), a non-profit settlement house dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous tenure, HMH grew to become one of the nation's leading providers of Behavioral Health Services to Asian and Asian-American communities; and

WHEREAS, Frank T. Modica also served on the boards of numerous local, national, and international organizations including United Neighborhood Centers of America, and the International Federation of Settlements and

Neighborhood Centers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Frank T. Modica served as a Board Member and Chairman of the Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, helping the organization create permanent affordable housing for thousands of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Frank T. Modica believed wholeheartedly in making a difference by working tirelessly to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose civic endeavors have improved the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the dedication of a section on Rutgers Slip between South and Cherry Streets on Manhattan's Lower East Side co-named as Frank Modica Way in his honor on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Frank T. Modica, and the Two Bridges Neighborhood Council.