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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mark Brogna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the John J. Wagner Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and support the entrepreneurs of small businesses whose dedication and accomplishments contribute to the economic health and vitality of the communities they serve in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark Brogna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Inaugural John J. Wagner Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District to be celebrated at its Annual Champagne on the Park event on Thursday, May 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lark Street is the vibrant heart of Albany, the Capital of New York State; across the 10 blocks of the Lark Street Business Improvement District, many unique and exciting businesses line the street offering "one of a kind" experiences for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Champagne on the Park is an annual event which supports the year-round efforts of the Lark Street Business Improvement District to continue the development and sustainability of this unique neighborhood through such programs as neighborhood safety and marketing, maintenance and beautification, and special events and promotions; and

WHEREAS, The John J. Wagner Award is named after the remarkable founder of the Waldorf Tuxedo Company and creator of the Lark Street Merchants Association and Larkfest; it is being given to a Lark Street business owner who helps fulfill the BID's mission of making the street a vibrant area to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Mark Brogna of Capital Wine and Spirits is a well-respected business owner who continually donates his time and resources to important causes in his community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Mark Brogna has served in numerous capacities on the Lark Street BID Board of Directors, as well as on numerous other community organizations; in addition, he has never missed a neighborhood clean-up event; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mark Brogna has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those small business owners who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mark Brogna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the John J. Wagner Award by the Lark Street Business Improvement District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark Brogna.