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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Charles Reichenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the 60th Precinct Community Council on May 28, 2015

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

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charles Reichenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the 60th Precinct Community Council to be celebrated at a dinner at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Brooklyn, New York on Thursday, May 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A proud Brooklyn native, Charles Reichenthal served as District Manager of Community Board 13 for over 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Reichenthal has lived and worked around the Coney Island/Brighton Beach/Sea Gate areas since childhood; during his professional career, he served as the first Editor of the COURIER-LIFE chain, including the BAY NEWS, and was co-founder of the Brooklyn Arts and Culture Association; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed writer-actor-producer, Charles Reichenthal's performances and shows have been presented for decades throughout the City of New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was one of the founders of Welcome Back

to Brooklyn Day, the Lights! Camera! Auction! Telethon for Brooklyn culture groups, and Brooklyn's International Film Festival; he has also worked with the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the Academy Awards for college filmmakers; and

WHEREAS, Charles Reichenthal served on founding committees for the Atlantic Antic, which he helped name, and thousands of outdoor festivals, concerts, and block party events; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure as District Manager of Community Board 13, Charles Reichenthal worked tirelessly to address civic complaints and budgetary needs; furthermore, he has been involved in numerous city, state, and local government projects, and has worked closely with such groups as the Coney Island Development Corp., Brighton BID, Sea Gate Association, and hundreds of neighborhood organizations; and

WHEREAS, As the first leader of Community Board 13's Community Emergency Response Team, Charles Reichenthal oversaw recovery efforts after Superstorm Sandy, and such annual events as the census count of the homeless; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Charles Reichenthal worked on such important issues as monitoring shoreline problems, park programming, Boardwalk and amusement area events, youth activities, and public relations; he also attended meetings with students and private individuals interested in learning about the area, and planning for new businesses and activities; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Charles Reichenthal has been a vital part of numerous community events including the annual Brighton Jubilee, Polar Bear Swim, Road Runners' events, park concerts and special activities, and Coney Island Hospital Health Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Charles Reichenthal has been involved in preparations for emergencies at senior residences, and programs with the Brooklyn Cyclones, the Brighton Neighborhood Association Alliance for Coney

Island, and countless housing organizations, and houses of worship; and
WHEREAS, An integral part of efforts to sustain a strong, cooperative relationship with the 60th Police Precinct for over two decades, Charles Reichenthal's efforts have been vital in maintaining communication and unity throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Reichenthal has been the recipient of numerous accolades for his outstanding service, and has been honored for his work involving programs for youth, the disabled, and arts programming; and
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Charles Reichenthal has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those 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 commend Charles Reichenthal upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the 60th Precinct Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Reichenthal.