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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Educational Alliance Co-op Village Naturally Occurring Retirement Community upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Benefit Dinner, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life for the cherished senior citizens in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Educational Alliance Co-op Village Naturally Occurring Retirement Community upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Benefit Dinner to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the Manny Cantor Center; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Guest of Honor is Don West, Community Liaison and President of the 7th Precinct Community Council; in addition, Herb Zolty will receive the Senior Service Award and Maryanne Algerio will be the recipient of the Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, Co-op Village NORC located at 465 Grand Street, provides adults 60 years and older living in the Co-ops along Grand Street and East Broadway with a wide range of social, fitness, educational, and recreational, arts and cultural programs to choose from, all of which promote healthy aging for all participants; and

WHEREAS, The NORC, in conjunction with its partners, assists senior residents in successfully "aging in place" by providing opportunities to engage in the community and by offering vital support services; and

WHEREAS, Along with an array of classes, the NORC provides social work and nursing services; assistance offered include obtaining entitlements and benefits, homecare, supportive counseling, and access to emergency alarm response systems and much more; and

WHEREAS, Don West was selected as the Guest of Honor in recognition of

all of the help he has brought to the NORC over the years including helping to found the NORC, as a devoted member of the planning committee, and his vast knowledge of and networks within the Grand Street and Co-op community; and

WHEREAS, Educational Alliance Co-op Village NORC, locally known as "The Edgies," is under the able leadership of its Executive Director, Alan Van Cappelle; furthermore, Anita Altman is affectionately called the mother of the NORCs; and

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, The 20th Annual Benefit Dinner is an excellent opportunity to recognize the special contributions of the Educational Alliance Co-op Village NORC and all of the dedicated individuals who strive to better the quality of life for senior citizens in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Educational Alliance Co-op Village Naturally Occurring Retirement Community upon the occasion of its 20th Annual Benefit Dinner, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alan Van Cappelle, Executive Director, Educational Alliance Co-op Village Naturally Occurring Retirement Community; and Don West, Herb Zolty, and Maryanne Algerio.