

## 2015-J2676

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Geoffroi Flournoy, Meredith Marshall, and Steven C. Smith, Partners of BRP Companies, upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Local Development Corporation of East New York on June 4, 2015

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 Geoffroi Flournoy, Meredith Marshall, and Steven C. Smith, Partners of BRP Companies, upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Local Development Corporation of East New York, celebrated at its 35th Annual Awards Dinner, on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at The Liberty Warehouse, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Geoffroi Flournoy, Meredith Marshall, and Steven C. Smith, Partners of BRP Companies, are being recognized with this esteemed honor for their outstanding efforts to help reduce poverty and promote prosperity in East New York; and

WHEREAS, BRP Companies is a New York based real estate firm which is at the forefront of affordable, mixed-income, and market-rate housing and commercial developments; and

WHEREAS, From the firm's modest beginning in 1998, as a local development company, BRP Companies has successfully evolved into a vertically integrated organization offering a full complement of development, construction, property management, and financial services; and

WHEREAS, Founded 35 years ago, the Local Development Corporation of

East New York (LDCENY) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making East Brooklyn a better place to live and work; and WHEREAS, LDCENY empowers low-to-moderate income women and minorities with programs which promote economic sufficiency, build assets and improve their lives and those of their families; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization works with local businesses to retain and build industry and commerce, create jobs and improve economic opportunities for local residents and neighborhood enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director Sherry Roberts, LDCENY offers its clients numerous services and programs, including Starting a Business, Grow Your Business, Money Management, Mentoring Program, Workshops and Seminars, Small Business Financing, and Professional Development, as well as a Women's Business Center; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which 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 Geoffroi Flournoy, Meredith Marshall, and Steven C. Smith, Partners of BRP Companies, upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Local Development Corporation of East New York on June 4, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Geoffroi Flournoy, Meredith Marshall, and Steven C. Smith.