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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of prominent music industry veteran John Loscalzo, distinguished citizen and devoted member of the Brooklyn Heights community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding media personalities whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, John Loscalzo of Brooklyn Heights died on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of New York University where he was a host of WNYU's popular New Afternoon Show, John Loscalzo began his career in 1984 at Advanced Alternative Media, promoting new releases to college radio and retail; and

WHEREAS, John Loscalzo served at WPDH, WRCN, WDRE, VVXRK, KROQ, Billboard, Sony Worldwide Networks, WXRK, Viacom, MTV and CBS, and will be remembered for his inspiring, unique style and fun sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, John Loscalzo founded the Brooklyn Heights Blog in order to provide "Dispatches from America's first suburb"; and

WHEREAS, In "America's First Suburb," John Loscalzo was better known by his 'nom de blog' Homer Fink; and

WHEREAS, Homer Fink earned a devoted following, covering major issues from Brooklyn Bridge Park, to transportation, to local politics, even skillfully hosting candidate forums; and

WHEREAS, While often being one of the most in-depth resources on major Brooklyn Heights issues, the Blog also approached local issues with a sense of humor and ensured that no story was too small, from "reuniting a baby with her lost shoe," to covering the saga of Lemi, the missing Parakeet, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, John Loscalzo distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, John Loscalzo is survived by his wife of 23 years, Tracy Zamot, and their daughter, Gracie; and

WHEREAS, John leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of prominent music industry veteran John Loscalzo, distinguished citizen and devoted member of the Brooklyn Heights community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John Loscalzo.