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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard Drucker upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 Richard Drucker upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Richard Drucker has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Drucker earned his Bachelor's degree from Yeshiva University, New York City, and received his Master's degree from New York University; and

WHEREAS, He furthered his education by obtaining his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School and is a member of the New York State Bar; and

WHEREAS, For 19 years, Richard Drucker served as Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Small Business in the New York State Department of Economic Development, now known as Empire State Development; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Richard Drucker became the Senior Vice President for External Affairs at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation; in this capacity, he was the Project Manager for the preparation of a Master Development Strategy for the Navy Yard; and

WHEREAS, The Master Development Strategy calls for the infusion of

substantial capital dollars into infrastructure rehabilitation of the Brooklyn Navy Yard to keep the facility operating as an industrial park well into this Century; and

WHEREAS, Richard Drucker was also instrumental in negotiating the transfer of the Naval Hospital Annex from the United States Navy to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard Drucker held the position of Project Manager during the successful establishment of a New York State Empire Zone for the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and thereby provided incentives for companies to move and grow within the industrial park, and subsequently, create additional jobs; and

WHEREAS, Richard Drucker also played an active role in securing capital funding for the Brooklyn Navy Yard from various city, state, and federal sources; the funding enabled the Yard to create space for additional tenants, and thereby created hundreds of additional jobs for its community, as well as the nearby neighborhoods of Williamsburg, Fort Greene, and Bedford Stuyvesant; and

WHEREAS, A dynamic resident of Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, Richard Drucker is a member of the Board of Directors for several community-based organizations, including the Manhattan Beach Community Group; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Richard Drucker was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, Richard Drucker has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Drucker upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corpo-

ration, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Richard Drucker.