

## 2015-J4406

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Henry Pelayo, Jr. for his 40 years of service to the Castle Hill Little League

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Henry Pelayo, Jr. has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Henry Pelayo, Jr. for his 40 years of service to the Castle Hill Little League to be celebrated at its 60th Anniversary celebration on Friday, March 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Henry Pelayo, Jr. was born on May 3, 1947 in the neighborhood of Spanish Harlem in New York City; after moving with his family to the Bronx, he attended Catholic school and graduated from Morris High School; he also received a full paid tuition scholarship to New York University (NYU); and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Henry Pelayo, Jr. proudly joined the United States Naval Reserve at the age of seventeen; upon the completion of his service, he attended NYU, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1972; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Henry Pelayo, Jr. worked as a History teacher at Junior High 13 in Spanish Harlem from 1972 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to serving others in his community, Henry Pelayo, Jr. joined the New York City Police Department (NYPD) where he ably served in several different units until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, While serving with the NYPD, Henry Pelayo, Jr. was assigned

to Stevenson High School where he combined his educational experience with his desire to help young men and women make the right choices in life; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Henry Pelayo, Jr. further displayed his passion for helping today's youth by becoming a volunteer with the Castle Hill Little League; over the years, he has served in numerous vital roles, including Coach, Manager, Senior Commissioner, and President; and WHEREAS, During his illustrious 17-year tenure as President, Henry Pelayo, Jr.'s inspired leadership has helped increase attendance each year and created numerous success stories at the Castle Hill Little League; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this remarkable leader oversaw the opening of a new, state-of-the-art baseball field, and helped the organization gain acknowledgement as one of the best little leagues city-wide; and

WHEREAS, Today, Henry Pelayo, Jr. is known for his unyielding commitment to bringing the best possible services to the over 500 children and their families in the Castle Hill Little League; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, Henry Pelayo, Jr. was named a 2005 Outstanding Leader in the Community by the Astor Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Henry Pelayo, Jr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, his four children, and nine grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Henry Pelayo, Jr. for his 40 years of service to the Castle Hill

Little League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Henry Pelayo, Jr.