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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ron Canterino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V. Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. on April 10, 2016

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, Ron Canterino 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 Ron Canterino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V. Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award by American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Baseball Fundraiser on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. provides and maintains baseball fields for use by neighborhood youth organizations and schools in Brooklyn, New York, allowing thousands of children to play baseball in a clean and safe environment at no cost to them or their families; and

WHEREAS, A proud life-long resident of Brooklyn, New York, Ron Canterino was raised on the South side and attended St. John's Preparatory School, P.S. 10 and William F. Grady High School; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Ron Canterino got a job with the New York Telephone Company, now known as Verizon, where he served his co-workers as Shop Steward; his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his peers procured his election to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for CWA

Brooklyn Local 1109; and

WHEREAS, A true Union man, Ron Canterino is currently employed by the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, District One National Office; and

WHEREAS, Ron Canterino has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For almost four decades, Ron Canterino has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Flatbush Council 497, where he holds the rank of 4th degree Knight; he also serves as a Trustee and held the title of Deputy Grand Knight; and

WHEREAS, When Flatbush Council 497 celebrated its 100th Anniversary, Ron Canterino was proudly named its 2000 Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Knights of Columbus, Ron Canterino has served as the President of the Flatlands Christian Center for the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the people he represents and the community he lives in, Ron Canterino has tirelessly given back to his neighbors; he has been involved in efforts to raise money for several organizations including the St. Rose Cancer Home, Toys for Tots, and Supplies for Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ron Canterino and his wife, Debra, daughter, Lauren, and friend Brandon, spearheaded a campaign to help those affected by Superstorm Sandy; the group organized a food, clothing and supply drive and delivered the collected items to the victims of this natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Under Ron Canterino's guidance, the Knights of Columbus, Flatbush Council 497 was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help

its neighbors by offering hearty meals, a place to get information or simply to get warm; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Ron Canterino has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Debra; his two daughters, Danielle and Lauren; son-in-law, Damian; granddaughter, Danica; his mother, Angie, and in-laws, Sal and Connie; as well as his many friends, the Hepcats and Hepettes, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ron Canterino has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ron Canterino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V. Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ron Canterino.