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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael N. Connors upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian 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, Michael N. Connors 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 Michael N. Connors upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian 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, Born in 1950, on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, Michael N. Connors and his family moved to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, four years later; and

WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor's degree in 1972 from Pace University, Michael N. Connors proudly served his country as a member of the Military Police in the United States Army in Germany; upon his honorable discharge, he enrolled in Brooklyn Law School, and graduated

with his Juris Doctor degree in 1979; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Michael N. Connors opened his private practice in Bay Ridge, and five years later, formed Connors and Sullivan, where he specializes in Trusts and Estates Law with a strong emphasis in Estate Planning and Elder Law; and

WHEREAS, Michael N. Connors 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, Michael N. Connors devotes much of his time to educating the community on estate planning through various seminars which focus on asset protection and taxation; he has shared his estate planning expertise with numerous churches, community centers, hospitals, and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected in his field, HBO filmed Michael N. Connors' seminar, "Elder Care and the Law" for the benefit of its employees; in addition, Michael has regularly appeared on the cable television show "Ask the Lawyer," a production of the Prayer Channel (now NET); he has also appeared on CNN-NY1 News and ABC News; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his Bay Ridge community, Michael N. Connors has been the recipient of several awards such as the Bay Ridge Community Council Annual Civic Award and he was selected as the 2010 Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal; and

WHEREAS, For more than 15 years, Michael N. Connors served on the New York State Governor's Advisory Committee for the Aging and the New York State Ethics Commission Public Advisory Council for more than six years; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Michael N. Connors serves as the Judge Advocate General for the Catholic War Veterans, Department of New York and the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, and is a vital member of the Board of Directors of The Civil War Round Table of New

York and the Manhattan Chapter of Legatus; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and his son, both 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 Michael N. Connors has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael N. Connors upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael N. Connors.