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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James Gallagher, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc. on April 17, 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, James Gallagher, 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 James Gallagher, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc., to be celebrated at its Biennial Civic Luncheon on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Antun's Caterers in Queens Village, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event brings together over 200 civic leaders representing all of Queens, New York, as well as notable federal, state and city officials; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Civic Congress, Inc. is proud to recognize James Gallagher, Jr. for his substantial role as a community leader; he has continuously cast a positive impact on his community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all his civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Fresh Meadows, Queens, he was a proud graduate of the first class of the New York Police Department (NYPD) Citizens Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Today, James Gallagher, Jr. is employed as the Administrative Project Manager of New York City Environmental Protection, Bureau of Customer Services and Technical Services Unit; and

WHEREAS, James Gallagher, Jr. 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, A valued and involved member of his community, James Gallagher, Jr. currently holds the title of President of the Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association, a very active homeowners advocacy association; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, James Gallagher, Jr. is actively involved in various Queens Community Board No. 8 committees, and is one of the longest serving members, as well as benefits Committee Member of the Community Advisory Board of New York Presbyterian/Queens, formerly Booth Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, A devoted public servant, James Gallagher, Jr. has held numerous leadership positions in several organizations including President of the 107th Precinct Community Council, President and Founder of Blue & Green Toastmasters, Vice President of Mid Queens Community Council, and Vice President of the previous St. Joseph's Hospital (Union Turnpike) Community Advisory Council, as well as head of Lectors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James Gallagher, Jr. is actively involved with several other civic and community associations, contributing time, talent and effort towards improving the communities in the region; he is a vital member of St. John's University Queens Community Dialogue Group, and the Queens Civic Congress, as well as a number of Task Forces at Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, James Gallagher, Jr. previously served on the Parish Council of Holy Family Roman Catholic Church and the Flushing Meadows Corona Development Corporation which later became Flushing Meadows Corona Park Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this remarkable man serves as an Advisor to the Friends of Brinckerhoff Colonial Cemetery; in this capacity, he is actively involved in the efforts to landmark the cemetery; and

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

period of constructive involvement, James Gallagher, Jr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James Gallagher, Jr. has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 James Gallagher, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Queens Civic Congress, Inc. on April 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Gallagher, Jr.