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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael R. Long upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael R. Long upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council to be celebrated at its 65th Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 2, 2016, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, to Myra and Michael Long, Michael R. Long attended Richmond Hill High School in Queens, New York; after graduation, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge in 1961, Michael R. Long owned and operated a small business in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man 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, Interested in politics, Michael R. Long served as a volunteer for United States Senator Barry Goldwater's campaign for President of the United States in 1964; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Michael R. Long was elected to one term as the

Chairman of Community School Board 19 in Brooklyn, and in 1981, he participated on the New York City Council, representing the borough of Brooklyn for two years; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Michael R. Long is a vital member of the Board of Directors of The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn, the American Legion and the Brooklyn Diocese Employee Pension Plan Committee; in addition, he holds the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Holy Angels Academy in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and serves as Vice Chairman of Fort Hamilton Citizens Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, A true public servant, Michael R. Long held leadership positions in numerous civic and charitable organizations including Secretary on the Board of Trustees for Daytop Village, Inc., Chairman of Daytop International, Vice Chairman of the 5th Avenue Business Improvement District (BID), as well as Vice Chairman of the Dyker Heights Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also served on the Advisory Board of Directors for the Guild for Exceptional Children, and was an enthusiastic member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 22; and

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

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his community, Michael R. Long has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades such as the Knights of Columbus Pro Patria Award, the Bishop Mugavero CYO Award, the Kiwanis Club Man of the Year Award, the Terence Cooke "Gift of Life" Award, the 2004 Man of the Year Award, and the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility Award; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Michael R. Long was bestowed upon the prestigious Charlton Heston Courage Under Fire Award, the 2011 Irish Pro Deo Et Patria Award, and the 2013 Eugene Walsh Award; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Michael R. Long was named the Grand Marshal of

several parades such as the 145th Kings County Memorial Day Parade, the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade and the July 4th Knights of Columbus Parade; he has also been honored by the Sergeant's Benevolent Association and the Retired Detectives Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his stellar career, Michael R. Long has appeared on national and local news programs including "Crossfire," "Hardball," "Face Off", "Inside City Hall" on NY 1, and WABC radio; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, the former Eileen Dougherty; his nine devoted children, Michael, Matthew, James, Robert, Christopher, Francis, Edward, Eileen and Maureen; as well as his 21 treasured grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, 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 Michael R. Long 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 honor Michael R. Long upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael R. Long.