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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert Howe 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 Robert Howe 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, A graduate of Saint Anselm School and Xaverian High School, Robert Howe earned his Bachelor's degree in Government from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; after attending Brooklyn Law School, he was admitted to both the New York and Pennsylvania State Bars; and

WHEREAS, For over 35 years, Robert Howe has worked in private practice in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, specializing in Wills and Estates, Business law and Real Estate transactions; through the years, he has helped thousands of Brooklyn residents achieve their goals of home ownership, advised them through difficult personal times and helped them plan for their future; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his craft, Robert Howe is a member of the Bay Ridge Lawyers and the New York State Bar Association; 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, Since 1994, Robert Howe has held the title of President of the Merchants of Third Avenue, which organizes the Summer Stroll, the Festival, the Pioneers reception and the Avenue lighting programs during the summer and holiday season; this vital association also hosts several local parades including the Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the Norwegian Day parade, the Memorial Day Parade and the Ragamuffin parade; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role of keeping Third Avenue unified, Robert Howe is the Director of Saint Anselm Catholic Academy and serves as President of the Bay Ridge Bensonhurst Beautification Alliance, an organization of local business groups working to keep the community and commercial activity strong; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, Robert Howe was honored by the Ragamuffin Committee of Bay Ridge, Saint Anselm Parish, the St. Nicholas home and the Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee; and

WHEREAS, For almost three decades, the Howe family has owned and operated one of the longest running and most successful restaurants in Bay Ridge, Howe's Steak House, which is now known as Chadwick's; and

WHEREAS, Interested in the culinary arts, Robert Howe has studied and taught hospitality management at New York Technical College, and he and his wife have written food reviews for the BAY RIDGE EAGLE and for the HOME REPORTER; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Robert Howe has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife of more than 36 years, Diana; his four devoted children, Trevor, Siobhan (Matthew), Brianne (Andrew), and Caitlin (David); and his three treasured grandchildren, Caroline, Brayden, and Monica, 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 Robert Howe 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 Robert Howe 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 Robert Howe.