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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kevin P. Lynch upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Green Leadership Award by the Alley Pond Environmental Center on June 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the 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 Kevin P. Lynch upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Green Leadership Award by the Alley Pond Environmental Center, to be celebrated at its Green Gala, Celebrating 40 Years, on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Terrace on the Park, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kevin P. Lynch served for more than three decades as the director of organizing and political action for major unions in New York and New Jersey; he organized 20,000 workers into the house of labor, providing their families with the many benefits and protections of a union contract; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career Kevin P. Lynch has served as the Director of Economic Development for the New York City Central Labor Council, and as leader of a Newark-based local union; he also helped the Consortium of Workers Education become the workforce development arm of the CLC, a collaboration which provides job training and upgrading courses, free of charge, to 85,000 workers; and

WHEREAS, For 35 years, Kevin P. Lynch has been known as a prominent labor coordinator of national mobilizations; in the early 1980s, he convened a meeting of progressive labor leaders who began organizing a

labor march on Washington, leading to the AFL-CIO call for Solidarity Day when 250,000 union members marched in the nation's capital; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, Kevin P. Lynch was one of the top leaders of the United Nations Disarmament Rally when one million demonstrators filled New York City's Central Park; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Kevin P. Lynch was honored by the Greek Olympic Committee at a UN ceremony for his efforts to end the nuclear arms race; he also served for many years as the UN representative for foreign journalist unions; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of countless awards and accolades, Kevin P. Lynch has received official commendations from the governments of Chile and Guyana for his help in restoring democratic governments; and

WHEREAS, Kevin P. Lynch is a contributing author of A NEW LABOR MOVEMENT FOR THE NEW CENTURY, and his labor oriented television and radio shows are part of New York University's Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives; and

WHEREAS, As a citizen of both the United States and Ireland, Kevin P. Lynch was a founder of the Irish Arts Center in Hell's Kitchen, and chair of the Sean O'Casey Centennial at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Fordham University, Kevin P. Lynch studied in Rome in a program and served as the United States Catholic Student Representative to the Vatican; he served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer working with a banned Bolivian Tin Miners Union in towns occupied by army regiments; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Bernice, and their children, Rebecca and Sara, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all

the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kevin P. Lynch upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Green Leadership Award by the Alley Pond Environmental Center on June 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin P. Lynch.