

## 2017-J314

Senate Resolution No. 314

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Randolph Peers upon the occasion of stepping down after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Community Board No. 7

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Randolph Peers upon the occasion of stepping down after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Community Board No. 7, to be celebrated at his last board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Peers earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Brooklyn College and a Master's degree in Public Administration from New York University; and

WHEREAS, An active and vibrant member of his community, Randolph Peers has spent his life devoted to bettering the borough of Brooklyn; a true public servant, he will soon leave his beloved neighborhood and relocate to Pennsylvania where he will continue to use his skills and infinite compassion to direct a regional economic development agency; and

WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Randolph Peers has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Brooklyn Community Board No. 7; throughout his tenure, he has been a positive presence in Brooklyn's economic development and youth development by inspiring many of his fellow citizens to take a more active role in their neighborhood's present and future, while mindful of the borough's storied history; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his invaluable work with Brooklyn Community Board No. 7, Randolph Peers has spent the last 25 years working in the fields of adult education, workforce development, and economic development; as former CEO of Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT), he led a highly successful workforce development agency that works with over 5,000 out-of-school youth and adults in six locations in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lived and worked, Randolph Peers spent four years at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce as their Vice President for Economic Development; one of his proudest achievements at the Chamber was developing a nationally recognized model for integrating workforce and economic development services for small business that has been expanded and replicated over the years; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Randolph Peers became a Trustee of Lutheran HealthCare, now NYU Lutheran, one of Brooklyn's largest and most respected health care institutions; he was also the Chair of the NYC Employment and Training Coalition and served on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation, the

Center for Entrepreneurship at St. Francis College, and the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Randolph Peers was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; during his time with Brooklyn Community Board No. 7, he earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commending Randolph Peers upon the occasion of stepping down after 20 years of distinguished service to the Brooklyn Community Board No. 7; and to wish him well in his new position in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Randolph Peers.