

## 2009-J831

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter A. Lo Cascio upon the occasion of his designation by Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn as the recipient of its Russell Edward Bonanno Lifetime Achievement Award on March 19, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavor, in their community, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Peter A. Lo Cascio upon the occasion of his designation by Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn as the recipient of its Russell Edward Bonanno Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Peter A. Lo Cascio will be honored at the school's 2009 President's Gala and Silent Auction, Celebrating 145 Years of Educational Excellence, to be held at El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn on Thursday, March 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1863, Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn is the oldest private co-educational college preparatory day school in Brooklyn, and one of the oldest in the nation, and has a proud tradition of a strong Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade educational program; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its President's Gala, the Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn proudly honors outstanding members of the Adelphi Academy family and community who exemplify and support its mission and whose lives and accomplishments exemplify the tenets of the school; and

WHEREAS, Peter A. Lo Cascio, Adelphi Academy Director of Finance and founder of The Tuscan Guide, Nova Marketing and numerous other companies, truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn native, Peter A. Lo Cascio attended the New York

University School of Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology, Adelphi University, and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and went on to become an extremely successful, creative, ground-breaking businessman; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Peter Lo Cascio founded Systemedics of Long Island, Inc., a medical practice management company which provided services to health care providers; in 1974, he established Professional Computer Systems, Inc., which designed and installed fully computerized programs for the individual practitioner and large HMO's and, in 1975, he set up Complete Credit Services, Inc. (CCS, Inc.) to provide credit and collection services to a broad range of medical institutions based in the Long Island area; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, he founded the National Credit Group, Inc. (NCG, Inc.), a fully interactive internet website designed to offer credit management services to various industry associations whose client list grew to include many Fortune 500 companies and financial institutions such as Fleet Bank and US Bancorp; in 2001, NCG, Inc. received significant venture capital funds to expand the site's infrastructure and become the web's premier site for credit evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Internet Computer Design, Inc., created in 1998, developed the first internet-based payroll reporting system for CBS, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The following year, in 1999, Peter Lo Cascio initiated the Executive Network, a group of top executives who met weekly, and referred clients in need of various professional services to one another or to other appropriate experts; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, he founded Nova Marketing, L.L.C., a professional consulting company specializing in financial planning, business plans, and mergers and acquisitions consulting and implementation; also in

2005, he became involved in Kidz N Keyboardz, Inc., a not-for-profit educational system company providing a new method for young children to learn how to touch type; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Peter Lo Cascio introduced The Tuscan Guide, L.L.C., to promote the gastronomic and cultural wonders of Tuscan cooking via a website which reviews restaurants and various regions of Tuscany, emphasizing their culture and history; The Tuscan Guide also represents such individuals as MaryAnn Esposito, the host of the famous television cooking show "Ciao Italia," which has been shown on the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) network for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Peter Lo Cascio has, in addition, written many articles for trade publications and is a featured writer in THE COUNSELOR MAGAZINE, distributed worldwide to more than 25,000 companies; he has also authored a credit manual entitled WHO GETS THE CREDIT, considered by many in the industry to be a definitive study of good credit management, and is often invited to lead seminars and lectures on credit topics at various trade shows and to speak at private and corporate events; and

WHEREAS, Peter Lo Cascio began providing financial consulting services to Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn in 2008 and in February of this year, 2009, he was asked to assume the responsibilities of Adelphi's Director of Finance and to assist in the reorganization of the Academy's corporate structure, sharing his vast experience and expertise to help the school plan for its future; and

WHEREAS, With Peter Lo Cascio throughout have been Connie, his wife of 44 years, their children, Valerie and Robert, and their grandchildren, Gabriella and Giuliana, all of whom are proud to be part of his life and rejoice in his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Conferral of this Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn high honor is a well-deserved and fitting recognition of his many achievements and contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Peter A. Lo Cascio upon the occasion of his designation by Adelphi Academy of Brooklyn as the recipient of its Russell Edward Bonanno Lifetime Achievement Award on March 19, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Peter A. Lo Cascio.