

## 2009-K1635

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc., upon the occasion of its Annual Hattie Carthan Founder's Day Garden Party, to be held on June 26, 2010

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of the Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. upon the occasion of its Annual Hattie Carthan Founder's Day Garden Party, to be held at the Center on Saturday, June 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, On that day, the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. will proudly present 10 Hattie Carthan Founder's Day Awards; the event will open with a conversation with Hattie's Angels, led by Board member Nancy Wolf and longtime community advocates Alma Carroll, Vernell Albury and Elsie Richardson; noted perfumer Rodney Fitzgerald Hughes will preview his long anticipated "Magnolia Grandiflora" fragrance; and

WHEREAS, The 10 award recipients include: Kristina Beecher, Principal, Bedford Village School/PS 3; Carlton Brown, COO, and Walter Edwards, CEO, Full Spectrum New York; Pamela E. Green, Executive Director, Weeksville Heritage Center; Sydney Katz, owner, SuperFoodtown; Commissioner Liam Kavanaugh, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Parks & Recreation; David McMaster, Vice President, Bartlett Tree Expert Company; Akima Price, Chief of Education and Programs of the New York Restoration Project (NYRP); Dr. Vicente Sanchez, U.S.D.A. Forest Service and Environmental Educator, City Parks Foundation; and Antonia Yuille-Williams, Director of Public Affairs, Con Edison; and

WHEREAS, The Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc. is a New York City Landmark institution listed on the National Register of

Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1972 through the work of Founder Hattie Carthan, the Center's purpose is to contribute to the development of skills and attitudes which foster urban beautification and environmental awareness, and assist in the enrichment of human potential among Bedford-Stuyvesant residents of all ages; the Center's programs and services advance knowledge of ecological science, cultural arts and community development; it also promotes environmental advocacy and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, The Magnolia Tree Earth Center's programs are many and varied and serve a wide range of neighborhood age groups from school-age children to older citizens; and

WHEREAS, For children ages 8 to 15, the Magnolia Tree Earth Center offers workshops, classes and exhibitions in Ecology, Horticulture, Science, Biology and Art; and for young adults, ages 16 to 21, the Urban Tree Program is available, which focuses on community service in tree care, landscaping, and gardening is offered; and

WHEREAS, The Magnolia Tree Earth Center has been a pioneer in the creation of youth programs which strengthen community service values; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Magnolia Tree Earth Center; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, the Magnolia Tree Earth Center has demonstrated the value of community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc., upon the occasion of its Annual Hattie Carthan Founder's Day Garden Party, to be held on June 26, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc., 677 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11216.