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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charlie Sahadi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the inaugural Atlantic Avenue Ambassador Award by the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charlie Sahadi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the inaugural Atlantic Avenue Ambassador Award by the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at the Roulette Theater in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation (AALDC), a leader in the economic development of historic downtown Brooklyn, announces The First Annual Atlantic Avenue Ambassador Award, recognizing an exceptional community or business person who has made outstanding contributions to the economic and cultural development of Atlantic Avenue from the East River to Flatbush Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The 2011 inaugural Award recipient is Charlie Sahadi, CEO of Sahadi's, a national wholesale and local retail specialty foods operation established on Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue in 1948 by Mr. Sahadi's family; and

WHEREAS, The son of Wade and Najila Sahadi, Charlie Sahadi is proud to be born and raised in Brooklyn; also proud of their Lebanese heritage, the family established Sahadi Importing Company in 1941 in New York and moved to its Brooklyn home on Atlantic Avenue in 1948; and

WHEREAS, After attending Pace College, Charlie Sahadi joined his family at the store on Atlantic Avenue in 1963; currently a third generation who is an integral part of Sahadi's wholesale in Sunset Park and at the

quintessential family business on Atlantic Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Charlie Sahadi was named on Crain's New York list of the 100 Most Powerful Minority Business Leaders; in addition, he was the recipient of the Brooklyn Heights Community Service Award and of the Lebanese Heritage Day Award; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Advisory Board of the Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association, Charlie Sahadi has helped to make Brooklyn an international destination and has represented the community as both a cultural and business leader; through his vision and hard work, Sahadi's has become not only a major wholesaler with international influence, but also a top retail hub for other local businesses to expand off of; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charlie Sahadi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the inaugural Atlantic Avenue Ambassador Award by the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlie Sahadi, CEO of Sahadi's.