

## 2013-J2652

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Botanic Garden upon the occasion of hosting its Third Annual Spring Gala on Thursday, June 13, 2013

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 commend the Brooklyn Botanic Garden upon the occasion of hosting its Third Annual Spring Gala on Thursday, June 13, 2013, and to pay tribute to this year's honoree, Darrel Morrison; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is an independent nonprofit institution, whose laboratory administration building was unanimously designated a New York City landmark in 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has been devoted to research, education, and the display of horticulture since it was first founded in 1910; it consists of 52 acres of land, and has a variety of specialty gardens which houses the C.V. Starr Bonsai Museum, the Osborne garden, glass aquatic plant house, an art gallery, climate controlled plant displays, and a famous 500 year-old shogun lantern; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden welcomes over 800,000 visitors annually and houses over 300,000 specimens of plants used for extensive botany research as well as holds 10,000 diverse species of plants in its gardens, and produces publications used for garden design, techniques, and education about invasive plant species while promoting the use of native plants; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden Spring Gala is instrumental in supporting its efforts by providing educational programs, which range from adult to children's classes; it also offers numerous internships for students, performs research on plant systematics, and presents its garden to the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This year's honoree is Darrel Morrison, for designing Brooklyn Botanic Garden's new Native Flora Garden expansion, which exhibits native plants found in the New York metropolitan area and highlights plants found on coastal plain, piedmont, and the highland eco-regions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Botanic Garden upon the occasion of hosting its Third Annual Spring Gala, and to pay tribute to this year's honoree, Darrel Morrison; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Darrel Morrison.