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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Shafit upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing & Family Services on June 19, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Shafit upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing & Family Services, to be celebrated at its Annual Carole Jayson Memorial Dinner, on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Rex Manor Catering Hall in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Housing & Family Services has diligently served the communities of Central Brooklyn since 1971, and through its Tenant Committees, has successfully initiated building improvements and combated the deterioration of housing in its Borough; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton, Matthew Shafit also earned a degree from Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Shafit is the General Counsel of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD); he joined HPD as Deputy General Counsel for Property Management in 1986, became Deputy General Counsel for Development in 1988, and General Counsel in 1995; and

WHEREAS, As General Counsel, Matthew Shafit oversees the provision of all legal services to HPD, the nation's largest municipal housing agen-

cy; his career at HPD has spanned both Mayor Koch's Ten Year Housing Plan, and Mayor Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace Plan; and WHEREAS, Prior to joining HPD, Matthew Shafit was a real estate and land use attorney at the law firm of Rosenman, Colin, Freund, Louis & Cohen; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Matthew Shafit has stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Matthew Shafit has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Shafit upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Brooklyn Housing & Family Services on June 19, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Shafit.