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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Mure Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd.

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Mure Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd., to be celebrated at its 37th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, March 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn (the Federation) is a community-based service organization that provides social assistance, education and recreational programming, and cultural activities aimed towards enhancing the lives of individuals and families, with a focus on those most in need: immigrants, seniors, and youth; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding leadership and service to the community, Joseph Mure Jr. has been selected to receive the Federation's Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Criminal defense attorney Joseph Mure Jr. was born in Massapequa, New York, and raised in Brooklyn's Canarsie neighborhood; he earned his bachelor's degree from Queens College in 1983, and his J.D. from Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 1986; and

WHEREAS, In addition to running a highly successful legal practice, Joseph Mure Jr. devotes significant time and energy to many charitable and civic endeavors; he sits on the boards of multiple organizations,

including the New York Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Peninsula Hospital Center, Neponsit Property Owner Association, Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation, and New York Families for Autistic Children, is a member of Grey Beards, Tri-State Italian American League Congress, Bensonhurst/Bay Ridge Kiwanis, and the Knights of Columbus Rockaway Chapter; in addition, he serves as Chairman of the Rockaway Children's Fund, and coaches for the Rockaway Baseball League; and WHEREAS, Joseph Mure Jr. is particularly committed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Wounded Warriors, and Rett Syndrome Awareness, and he has coordinated many events to raise awareness, provide support, and raise substantial funds for these important causes; his most well-known fundraiser is his annual "The Little North Pole" holiday event to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, for which this dedicated individual spends a month transforming his home into a winter wonderland and then transports special needs children and children from the Juvenile Diabetes Center to the festivities which include Christmas decorations, free food, music, and toys handed out by Santa Claus himself, who arrives on a fire truck; and WHEREAS, Joseph Mure Jr.'s philanthropic efforts of in-depth magnitude have earned him numerous awards and accolades, among them: the New York Mets Champion in the Community Award, the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award, the Johnson & Johnson Circle of Excellence Award, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Humanitarian and Volunteer of the Year awards, and the Saint Camilles' Special Olympics Award; and WHEREAS, Joseph Mure Jr. has been accompanied throughout by his three children, Christina, Joey, and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all

the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor Joseph Mure Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special
recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of
Brooklyn, Ltd.; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Joseph Mure Jr.