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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jose Cordero upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V. Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc.

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, Jose Cordero has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jose Cordero upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V.

Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc.; his contributions to the community will be celebrated at the organization's 20th Annual Baseball Fundraiser on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc. provides and maintains baseball fields for use by neighborhood youth organizations and schools in Brooklyn, New York, allowing thousands of children to play baseball in a clean and safe environment at no cost to them or their families; and

WHEREAS, Jose Cordero is a firefighter with FDNY Engine 257 in Canarsie, Brooklyn, and the co-owner of Bad Ass Academy in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, the first functional fitness and training facility of its kind in the borough; and

WHEREAS, A firefighter for seven years, Jose Cordero's actions exemplify the belief that courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the

judgment that something else is more important than fear; and

WHEREAS, This heroic and humble man is an inspiration to everyone with whom he comes into contact; and

WHEREAS, Jose Cordero's commitment to the well-being of his community goes beyond his role as a protector against the ravages of fire; he is driven by his genuine interest in fostering the health of those around him to teach and train others in the way of fitness; and

WHEREAS, Through the Bad Ass Academy, Jose Cordero changes people's lives by helping them find the courage to pursue their goals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Jose Cordero has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Jose Cordero has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jose Cordero upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Victor V. Allegretti Memorial Man of the Year Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facility, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jose Cordero.