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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Andrew L. Manicone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian 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, Andrew L. Manicone 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 Andrew L. Manicone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian 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, Andrew Manicone was born in Brooklyn, New York, moved to Long Island at age 10, and enlisted in the United States Army at age 17; he served his country with honor and distinction for three years, first in Germany from 1967-1969, and then moving on to Chu Lai and Da Nang in Vietnam; he is a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, as well as the Vietnam Veterans, and serves as the Veterans Coordinator to the Brooklyn Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Andrew L. Manicone has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, this compassionate man has been active in Kiwanis Club, which is dedicated to helping children; Andrew Manicone is a member of the Kings Plaza-Canarsie Club, serving for five years as its President, and Honorary Member of the West End Marine Park Dyker Heights Club; he is Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Manicone is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he serves as Patriot; the American Legion, in which he is Commander of Victor Allegretti Post 1872; the St. Athanasius Rosary Society; and Vice-President of Bay Ridge UNICO of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, For the last 10 years, Andrew Manicone has helped to organize the Children's Christmas Party at Fort Hamilton Army Base in Brooklyn, New York, taking it upon himself to secure significant donations of funds, toys and food, and to recruit many volunteers to make it possible for the children of active and military families to have a memorable Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Manicone's charitable efforts have been recognized by others; he is the recipient of Kiwanis Club's highest honor, the Kaiser Award, and has also received the Community Service Award from the Corona Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Andrew L. Manicone has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 41 years, Rose Anne, and their sons, Andrew Jr. and Robert, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Andrew L. Manicone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Thomas Colasanto Humanitarian Award; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew L. Manicone.