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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony D'Urso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Vision and Commitment to Action Award on April 26, 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, Anthony D'Urso 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 honor Anthony D'Urso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Vision and Commitment to Action Award by Bridges to Community, at its Annual Spring Gala on April 26, 2014, at Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club, Mamaroneck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bridges to Community is a 20 year old non-profit community development organization that takes volunteers to developing countries to work, learn, and reflect on how to build a better world; the organization is made up of people from different cultures, countries, ages, professions and socioeconomic backgrounds who work together to build relationships of empathy, respect and support; and

WHEREAS, The Outstanding Vision and Commitment to Action Award is Bridges to Community's highest honor, and is given to individuals who have made a significant impact in helping people in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, Anthony D'Urso, affectionately known as Tony, 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, A native of Italy, Anthony D'Urso came to the United States

in 1960 seeking the American Dream; while working all day, he attended night school to turn his dream into a reality and built his own successful construction company; and

WHEREAS, During the 1970s, Anthony D'Urso turned his attention to his community and became an integral part of the New York Housing Authority where he was responsible for the restoration of burned out buildings and building new units for public housing; and

WHEREAS, Anthony D'Urso ran for public office in 1991 and was elected Councilman for the Town of North Hempstead, Long Island, where he served for 14 years, retiring in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Since his retirement, Anthony D'Urso has devoted himself to giving back and making the world a better place; he travels the world to Kenya and Haiti, and has made 15 trips with Bridges to Community to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic where he offers his services and experience in construction, and has been instrumental in the building of 16 houses; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Anthony D'Urso 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 Anthony D'Urso has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Anthony D'Urso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2014 Outstanding Vision and Commitment to Action Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Anthony D'Urso.