

## 2013-J4966

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary, March 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musical institutions that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a Gala held on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at the Brooklyn Museum of Art; Elliott Forrest, radio host on WQXR-FM, was the master of ceremonies for this auspicious event; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, a group of Brooklyn Heights residents, business people, music lovers, and performers met and formed an organization designed to promote great music, to inspire youth with a love of culture through music, and to bring enjoyment through music to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, With these goals, the Brooklyn Heights Music Society was incorporated in 1973 and the Brooklyn Heights Orchestra was born; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the orchestra changed its name to Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra and today, is a mix of talented amateur, semi-professional, and professional musicians from all walks of life who play for the sheer joy of the experience; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of President John C. Riedel, the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra performs concerts of classical, romantic, and 20th Century works at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, in addition to concerts of smaller ensembles throughout the borough; and

WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating its 40th Anniversary, the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra will mark the beginning of a new partnership with the

Brooklyn Museum of Art; all concerts will now be held in the museum's  
Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions 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 commend the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President John C. Riedel, Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra.