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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Detective Walter J. Brant upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award on May 22, 2014

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Detective Walter J. Brant upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award, to be celebrated at the 7th Annual Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Men of Distinction and Women of Valor Awards Ceremony is held each year to recognize and pay just tribute to outstanding and accomplished individuals whose leadership roles have had a significant impact on the daily lives of the people of the State of New York, and who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, In August 1993, Detective Walter J. Brant was appointed to the New York City Police Department; in February 1994, he was assigned to Police Service Area No. 2 and is currently a 2nd Grade Detective for the Community Affairs Unit; and

WHEREAS, Detective Walter J. Brant is a highly motivated police officer committed to enhancing the quality of community and police relationships; he has taken a personal interest and dedicated his own time to ensure the success of all programs he initiates or participates in; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Detective Walter J. Brant initiated the development of an annual bike-riding event known as The Courtesy Professional Respect Bike Ride which brought together both the youth and adults of all ages from within the community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, immediately following the terrorist acts of September 11, Detective Walter J. Brant erected the first permanent memorial located in the center of the Louis H. Pink Development; the memorial consists of six statues dedicated to members of the agencies that gave their ultimate sacrifice, and are surrounded by a tree planted by the community as a declaration of their appreciation of the sacrifices made; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Detective Walter J. Brant was an Executive Board Member of Drug Enforcement for Youth, a program which is a part of the Weed and Seed Program run by the District Attorney's Office; this program takes youth from targeted areas where drugs and violence are prevalent, and for two weeks during the summer these youths are transported daily to Floyd Bennett Field for a program which includes lectures regarding violence, self-esteem, leadership, and gang and drug awareness; and

WHEREAS, With 21 years on the police force, Detective Walter J. Brant has received numerous awards such as the Congressional Record, several Law Enforcement Awards, and the Hemmerdinger Award which is only presented to six chosen distinguished officers yearly; and

WHEREAS, Detective Walter J. Brant has had six successful seasons of flag football in connection with the Police Athletic League, which brings together youth from various NYCHA Housing Developments within the confines of the 73rd, 75th, and 77th Precincts; currently, he is involved with Cops and Kids Basketball, also in conjunction with the Police Athletic League; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer that nothing and no one should go unnoticed and everyone is a winner, Detective Walter J. Brant assures that all who

participate in the youth sports events receive something to always remember they too are a success within their community; and

WHEREAS, Detective Walter J. Brant has had a significant role in crime reduction throughout the communities; he reaches out to the community,

youth and adults alike, which could only ensure a continuous bond and positive fostered relationship with the New York Police Department that focuses on building a stronger, more unified community; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated man is consistently planning events which boost the community morale, fostering better relationships between the community and children alike, but most importantly with all residents of Brooklyn Housing Authority Developments and the Police Service Area No. 2, which in turn proves as a positive imprint throughout the entire Borough; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Detective Walter J. Brant upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award on May 22, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detective Walter J. Brant.