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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yohimbe Sampson 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 Yohimbe Sampson 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, For two years, Yohimbe Sampson has been the Resident Service Director at Spring Creek Gardens in the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York; he was hired by Domain Companies due to the many hats he has worn in the field of education and community advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Yohimbe Sampson's many duties and responsibilities include developing educational, arts, quality of life, and social programming for the approximately 2,000 youth, adult, and senior residents; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career at Spring Creek Gardens, Yohimbe Sampson has created numerous opportunities and programs including a computer lab, a summer youth enrichment program, after-school program, academic tutorial opportunities, Senior Citizen Lunch Program, job internship workshops, job internship opportunities, cultural arts performances, arts programs for senior citizens and youth, healthy food prep events, athletic tournaments, and peaceful community social events;

and

WHEREAS, In addition, Yohimbe Sampson researched available funding opportunities, and has located a significant amount of funds for his successful projects; he also has partnered Spring Creek Gardens with New York City's most prestigious people and organizations such as Senator Sampson, Councilman Barron, New York Cares, The CCC, and Lincoln Center; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Yohimbe Sampson has taught 7th grade World History as well as ELA, worked for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice, supported families as a home counselor, developed literacy programs for the New York City Department of Education, and designed and facilitated teacher training programs at Jon Jay University, Columbia Teachers College, and NYU Steinhardt School of Education; and

WHEREAS, A well-known New York City musician, Yohimbe Sampson is eager to continue providing competitive and necessary programming to the wonderful people of Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

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 Yohimbe Sampson 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 Yohimbe Sampson.