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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Virginia Waters and Joe Enright upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Neighborhood Service Award by the Flatbush Development Corporation

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, Virginia Waters and Joe Enright have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor

Virginia Waters and Joe Enright upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Neighborhood Service Award by the Flatbush Development Corporation which was celebrated at its 39th Annual Awards Benefit on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Flatbush Development Corporation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all segments of the Flatbush community; it identifies and responds to neighborhood needs and concerns, proactively creating programs and campaigns that work towards a healthy, safe and vibrant community; its economic development, housing, youth, and immigration programs serve the exceptionally diverse needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five years ago, Virginia Waters and Joe Enright moved to West Midwood from Park Slope soon after their marriage, and raised their son James there; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, Virginia Waters has been an attorney with the New York City Law Department, litigating land use matters; her

work includes major Landmark Preservation cases, such as preserving the Broadway theaters, the Four Seasons restaurant, and other notable City landmarks; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Virginia Waters shares her love of books with the Argyle Road book club which has been meeting for a dozen years; and

WHEREAS, Since 1997, Virginia Waters has managed the Annual West Midwood Halloween Parade; despite the anthrax fears following September 11, and the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, she has successfully insisted that the parade must go on due to the many local children who look forward to it; today, the parade attracts over 500 trick-or-treaters to West Midwood from all over Victorian Flatbush; and

WHEREAS, Joe Enright has a doctorate in criminal justice, and recently retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after a 40 year career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, For the past 12 years, Joe Enright has contributed a regular column to the West Midwood Newsletter; in his column, he suggests that the neighborhood should change its name to either Argyle Heights, or Wuthering Westminster, or Rugby Ridge since insinuating elevation into the name would mean a significant increase in property values; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Joe Enright created the West Midwood Online discussion group which has fostered greater communication among residents, allowing for quick, timely warnings about crime, as well as helpful advice on contractors, or what to do when you find a family of squirrels have taken over your attic; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Waters and Joe Enright have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Virginia Waters and Joe Enright have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals

for the benefit of others which Virginia Waters and Joe Enright have displayed throughout their life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Virginia Waters and Joe Enright upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Neighborhood Service Award by the Flatbush Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Virginia Waters and Joe Enright.