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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement 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, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has 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 Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement 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, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm, Senior Pastor of Flatbush Reformed Church, was born in the Borough of Brooklyn in Park Slope; he grew up in the Bay Ridge Section of Brooklyn, receiving his early education in the Brooklyn Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, A kind, caring, and warm individual always willing to help

others, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm's childhood experiences prepared and groomed him for his work in human services and the priesthood; and WHEREAS, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm received his bachelor's degree from Wagner College in Staten Island, and also graduated from North Park Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree; and WHEREAS, After his ordination in 1971, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm served in many churches in New Jersey, Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn; he first came to the Flatbush community in 1988, and in April of 1989, he accepted the position to serve as Minister-in-charge of the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church and the people of the Flatbush community; and WHEREAS, Chosen by his peers to serve as President of the Classis of Brooklyn, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm was President of the Brooklyn Council of Churches, and Chair of the Regional Synod of New York Human Support Committee; and WHEREAS, During his tenure at the Flatbush Reformed Church, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm became affiliated with some of the nonprofit organizations in the neighborhood; he served as Vice Chair of CAP, and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of CAMBA; and WHEREAS, For his hard work and dedication, CAMBA honored Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm by naming a 53 unit apartment building in his honor; and WHEREAS, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm has received numerous awards and accolades from other organizations for his commitment and devotion to better the community that he serves; and WHEREAS, For 25 years, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm has faithfully served the church and this community; during his pastorate at the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church, he formed friendships with many members of his congregation; and WHEREAS, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm 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, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his three children, Linnea, David, and Daniel, and his two grandchildren, Annika and Jake, as well as his friend Rosemary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Flatbush Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Daniel Detlef Ramm.