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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nicole and Bob Buck 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, Nicole and Bob Buck 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

Nicole and Bob Buck 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, In summer of 1983, Nicole and Bob Buck moved from Buffalo to Brooklyn, New York, to the house they still occupy in Fiske Terrace; and

WHEREAS, Bob Buck was appointed Director of The Brooklyn Museum, where he remained in that post for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, A year or so after the couple moved, Nicole Buck decided to

again start teaching French, her native tongue; she chose Brooklyn Poly Prep and ultimately, in a career there lasting seventeen years, retired as head of the Foreign Language Department; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Nicole and Bob Buck have been happy in their relatively secluded Midwood neighborhood; from the serenity of the area, they have watched Brooklyn and the rest of the city change rapidly, and are fortunate to be part of an island of calm in the churning sea of urban energy that is New York City, where returning home seems always like reaching a sort of oasis of quietude; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Nicole and Bob Buck are gratified to have worked on the City Landmarking of their area with other friends and neighbors; they have achieved their goal of preserving their neighborhood for future generations to enjoy as they do; and

WHEREAS, Nicole and Bob commend the Flatbush Development Corporation for the important role it plays in maintaining the equilibrium of the area and working toward the betterment of this section of the city they hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Nicole and Bob Buck 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, Nicole and Bob Buck have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Together, Nicole and Bob Buck raised two sons, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Nicole and Bob Buck have displayed throughout their life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nicole and Bob Buck upon the occasion of their designation as

recipients of the Neighborhood Service Award by the Flatbush Development Corporation; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicole and Bob Buck.