

## 2015-J620

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Barone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Man of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matthew Barone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Man of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council to be celebrated at its 54th Annual Gala, at El Caribe, Brooklyn, New York on Thursday, March 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong learner, Matthew Barone graduated from James Madison High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies and Secondary Education; concurrently, he worked as a Paraprofessional for the New York City Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career in education as a teacher at Middle School 88 at the Park Slope Education Complex in Brooklyn, New York, Matthew Barone enthusiastically taught middle school students for 10 years; he transitioned to a leadership role, guiding a department of teachers as an Assistant Principal; and

WHEREAS, Today, Matthew Barone is happily employed as an Assistant Principal in P.S./I.S. 226 in Brooklyn; in this capacity, he supports

Principal Sherry Tannenbaum in educating and leading Bensonhurst students, preparing them to be college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, One of the many initiatives started by Matthew Barone is the use of an online remedial reading program, which has assisted the most at-risk students and English Language Learner in achieving greater success in literacy; he also piloted GO Math for his middle school math students; and

WHEREAS, When he is not modeling rigorous lessons for teachers, counseling students, or mentoring new teachers, Matthew Barone is often found playing flag football with his students or organizing various fundraisers for students in need; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the summer months, Matthew Barone dedicates his time to a summer school program which includes students from seven area elementary and middle schools; additionally, he coordinates an intensive language academy to assist English Language Learners to support students; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Matthew Barone attends Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) meetings for District 21 to support educational initiatives which impact the community; he also serves as a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Susan, and his devoted children, Matthew, Antonia, Alexandra, Nicholas, and Aidan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educator Matthew Barone has an uncompromising view that all students can learn if provided with an environment which fosters safety,

compassion, and positive learning experiences; he leads his staff with these tenets in mind, impacting hundreds of students each year; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Barone has brought great credit upon himself by continually demonstrating an impressive dedication, an unparalleled

devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the schools where he has served; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Matthew Barone has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Barone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Man of the Year Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Barone.