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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Utano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. on April 3, 2016

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, Anthony Utano has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony Utano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd., to be celebrated at its 39th Annual Fund Raising Gala on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at El Caribe Country Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Utano, affectionately known as Tony, 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, A lifelong resident of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, Tony Utano is Vice President of the 40,000-member Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100 where he covers the Maintenance of Way Division, the largest Department of the Local with more than 8,000 workers; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is Vice President of the International Transport Workers Union of America, representing more than 125,000 members nationwide, and has been elected a delegate to eight consecutive International Conventions; and

WHEREAS, The longest serving elected official in TWU Local 100 history, Tony Utano has been instrumental in the growth of the Maintenance of Way Department from 6,000 members to more than 8,000 members today; and

WHEREAS, Tony Utano is a steadfast advocate for the training and education of transit workers to acquire the skills necessary to qualify for new, higher paying technical jobs in transit; he is currently involved in a union campaign to fully fund a new five-year capital construction plan for the MTA which will guarantee work for his members for the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Tony Utano founded the Annual Italian American Heritage Celebration in TWU Local 100 in 2005; he also served on Community Board 12, and coached youth basketball for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tony Utano has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his son, Salvatore and his daughter, Gina, both 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 Tony Utano has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Utano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. on April 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Utano.