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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Philip C. Kelly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 George A. Cincotta Community Service Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Philip C. Kelly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 George A. Cincotta Community Service Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Auction on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The mission of HeartShare Human Services of New York is to nurture and support, with dignity and respect, children, adults, and families in order to expand opportunities and enhance lives; and

WHEREAS, Philip C. Kelly is receiving this auspicious award for his devotion to his profession and sincere dedication and substantial role as a community leader; he has continuously cast a positive impact on his community and displayed an unbridled enthusiasm in all his professional and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Philip C. Kelly graduated from Poly Prep and earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Philip C. Kelly's high school and college years, he worked tirelessly at his family's catering facility, The El Caribe in Mill Basin Brooklyn, where he learned the importance of hard work, dedi-

cation and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, After several years of washing dishes, serving drinks, working in the kitchen and waiting on tables, Philip C. Kelly became extremely knowledgeable about every facet of the catering industry; today, he holds the esteemed position of Executive Director of The El Caribe, where he takes great pleasure in hosting important occasions, celebrations and charity events; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Belle Harbor, New York, Philip C. Kelly has been an active member of the Bensonhurst Bayridge (Ben Bay) Kiwanis Club for 15 years, serving as an officer of the club for three years and holding the prestigious position of President from 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, For the last decade, Philip C. Kelly has served as the Chairman of the Ben Bay Kiwanis Golf Outing; over the years, the proceeds from the outings have generated significant funds which have been distributed to various charities or to individuals experiencing severe hardship or tragedy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Philip C. Kelly has participated in the Lutheran Medical Center's "Presidents Circle" which builds collaborative relationships between local businesses and members of the community to strengthen and improve health and wellness awareness; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also sits on the Board of Directors of the Rockaway Little League, which affords hundreds of children the opportunity to play baseball in a safe environment; as a member of the Board, he strives to find ways to enable children to learn the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, Philip C. Kelly has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades by The Brooklyn Borough President's office, the New York City

Council, the New York State Assembly and Senate, Catholic Charities, the American Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, the United States Army, the New York Police Department, the New York Fire Department, and the Commu-

nity Mayors, as well as The Curacao and Petite Martinique Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, during the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Philip C. Kelly, despite his own family's plight, organized volunteers and provided free meals to his devastated community of Rockaway beach; he also worked hand in hand with the Mayor's office to provide free Thanksgiving meals for 3,000 displaced New York City Residents; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Danielle, and his two children, Julianna and Philip, Jr., all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, It the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in deliberations to honor Philip C. Kelly upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 George A. Cincotta Community Service Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Philip C. Kelly.