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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Donald Mallozzi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. on April 10, 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, Donald Mallozzi 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 commend Donald Mallozzi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award by American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Baseball Fundraiser on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Kings County Youth Recreational Facilities, Inc. provides and maintains baseball fields for use by neighborhood youth organizations and schools in Brooklyn, New York, allowing thousands of children to play baseball in a clean and safe environment at no cost to them or their families; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bay Ridge, New York, Donald Mallozzi has lived in Staten Island for over 43 years; and

WHEREAS, On August 8, 1966, Donald Mallozzi was drafted into the United States Army and was sent to Fort Jackson for Advanced Infantry training; in January of 1967, at the age of 20, he arrived in Cuchi, South Vietnam, and proudly served his country as a mortar man in the Army's 25th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the 716th MP Battalion, Donald Mallozzi was one of 50 men sent to Ton Son Nhut, to perform vital and dangerous security work in the southern part of South Vietnam which was vital to our air defense and war efforts at the time, and significant in the 1972 Spring Offensive which captured the attention of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge in August of 1968, Donald Mallozzi joined the New York City Police Department (NYPD) on January 17, 1969, assigned to the 61st Precinct; three years later, he was transferred to the MTS Precinct in Times Square, which was considered to be very dangerous at that time; and

WHEREAS, Donald Mallozzi quickly rose through the ranks to Detective, and then to the Tiger Unit, a Safe, Loft & Truck Squad (SLATS) of elite and highly-specialized detectives; at this time, it was the oldest detective unit in the NYPD, and operated out of a one room office on the 11th floor of the police headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Members of this elite team were highly trained and highly specialized professionals with a focus that crossed borough, State, and International boundaries to solve cases including hijackings, kidnappings, grand larcenies, surveillances, and physical security of premises; and

WHEREAS, After Donald Mallozzi's formal retirement from the NYPD in 1982, he worked as a private investigator, bodyguard and security director for 10 years; he then moved on to the IRS, where he retired as Territory Manager after 15 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Donald Mallozzi 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, Dedicated to the community in which he lives, Donald Mallozzi is a member of numerous organizations including the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, and Knights of Columbus; in addition, he has helped raise funds for the Special Olympics, Wounded Warriors, and the Group

Home for the Mentally Challenged; and

WHEREAS, For over 20 years, Donald Mallozzi has been an enthusiastic member of the West End Kiwanis Club; he has held several leadership positions such as President, and Lieutenant Governor for the Brooklyn Division; today, he serves as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, A true philanthropist, Donald Mallozzi spends a great deal of time helping the homeless by providing them with food and clothing; he also delivers holiday turkeys and toys to the needy, coordinates fundraisers at the Ronald McDonald House, and arranges holiday parties for the children of the troops and veterans at Fort Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable man assists with the Police Widows' Fund; since 1995, he has been instrumental in organizing a golf outing which supports Kamp Kiwanis and Boys Scout Camp; through the organization's efforts, over 100 disabled and disadvantaged children have attended summer camp; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Helen Cangemi, his two children, and two grandchildren, 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 Donald Mallozzi has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Donald Mallozzi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Joseph Saia Lifetime Achievement Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donald Mallozzi.