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Senate Resolution No. 1998

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING the Real Estate Division of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Community Housing and Services on May 10, 2017

WHEREAS, The Public Service Project (PSP) at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP is the cornerstone of the firm's longtime commitment to serving the public interest; building on more than a century of firm service to the public good the PSP was created in 2001 to provide legal assistance to the underserved and under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, For more than 140 years, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP has been firmly committed to helping its clients achieve their goals; each and every day the lawyers and staff at this firm dedicate themselves to delivering exceptional advice and accomplishing outcomes which support their clients' objectives; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to publicly commend those organizations which substantially contribute to the well-being of the community by providing outstanding legal service to those in need; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New

York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those law firms which would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Real Estate Division of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Community Housing and Services to be celebrated at its Talented Brooklyn Gala on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 501 Union in Gowanus, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this auspicious event will feature the 9th Annual Brooklyn Community Housing and Services Resident Art Show, highlighting the borough's world-renowned creativity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1978, Brooklyn Community Housing and Services (BCHS) is committed to ending homelessness in Brooklyn and empowering all the residents of its home community of Fort Greene and the surrounding neighborhoods through innovative and comprehensive social, educational and job-training programs that enable residents to achieve maximum independence; and

WHEREAS, Every year, BCHS provides clean and safe supportive housing and services to more than 1,000 formerly homeless families and single adults and helps them to learn how to live independently; and

WHEREAS, BCHS' programs provide short-term, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention, personalized case management, mental health care, on-site nursing, vocational training,

substance abuse counselling, recreation activities and other vital services; and

WHEREAS, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP has been a proud partner of BCHS for over a decade, providing pro bono employment counsel and other legal services to help the agency further its mission; and

WHEREAS, It is 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 its deliberations to commend the Real Estate Division of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Brooklyn Community Housing and Services on May 10, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Real Estate Division of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP.