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Senate Resolution No. 2254

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Arthur L. Aidala, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arthur L. Aidala, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council to be celebrated at its 66th Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Aidala earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York, College of Purchase in 1989; upon being awarded his Juris Doctorate Degree from the City University of New York Law School in 1992, he was admitted to the New York and New Jersey Bars that same year; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Arthur L. Aidala began his distinguished career in law as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District

Attorney's Office; from 1993-1997, he held the position of Senior Trial Attorney; in this capacity, he tried many complex felony and homicide trials, supervised 25 Assistant District Attorneys in the Early Case Assessment Bureau and Investigations Bureau, and wrote and argued Appeals for the Office; and

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Aidala resigned from his seat in 1997, and opened his own law practice; Aidala Bertuna & Kamins dedicates approximately 80% of its time to legal work involving criminal defense charges, contractual issues, real estate, wills, probate, estate planning and business/corporate legal matters, practicing in both State and Federal Courts; and

WHEREAS, The remainder of the firm's practice focuses on helping neighbors in its Brooklyn community on such matters as real estate closings, estate affairs and civil issues; the firm's New York City law offices are located in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and it maintains an associate office (Studi Legali Associati) in Milan, Italy; and

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Aidala is one of the most accomplished and well known defenders of serious criminal cases in New York; Crains New York Business labeled him the "new go to lawyer for those in big trouble" and a "master of defense"; for more than 25 years, he has handled high profile cases at the investigative, trial and appellate levels; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, Arthur L. Aidala held the title of President of the Columbian Lawyers Association of New York City; he often appears as an invited speaker at local and state bar association meetings and at law schools in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Arthur L. Aidala has been featured on various

television programs as a legal expert, including Fox 5, NY1, MSNBC and Court TV; he has also been heard on WINS, WCBS, and WABC radio; in September of 2005, he became an official legal contributor/analyst of Fox News Channel, where he now appears exclusively on various day and prime time programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition to practicing law, Arthur L. Aidala lectures regularly to Trial Advocacy students at Fordham Law School, Brooklyn Law School and St. John's School of Law; he has also spoken at both the New York City Bar Association and the Kings County Criminal Bar Association, and with Professor Alan Dershowitz at Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Arthur L. Aidala has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Arthur L. Aidala 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 Arthur L. Aidala, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Arthur L. Aidala, Esq.

