

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Professor Louis Asekoff upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Professor Louis Asekoff upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship Award; and

WHEREAS, A Professor in English at Brooklyn College, Louis Asekoff was one of three Brooklyn College professors who were among 175 winners chosen from nearly 3,000 American and Canadian contenders from the arts, sciences and humanities; he along with the other two faculty members are from Brooklyn College's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program; and

WHEREAS, Louis Asekoff, who taught at Brooklyn College for 42 years, will turn poems inspired by his journals into a book or possibly two, called CLERMONT, named after the Columbia County town where he lives; his award will also go toward the work on a poetry book called THE VANISHING HAND; and

WHEREAS, Graduating with a B.A. degree in English/Philosophy from Bowdoin College, and an M.A. degree in English and American Literature from Brandeis University, Professor Louis Asekoff has written the books DREAMS OF A WORK and NORTH STAR; his poems have been published in AMERICAN POETRY REVIEW, POETRY, THE NEW YORKER, and other literary publications; and

WHEREAS, A specialist in modernist and postmodernist poetry, and poet-ics, Professor Louis Asekoff's awards include the Jerome Shestack Prize, AMERICAN POETRY REVIEW; in addition, he received an NYFA Fellowship in 1998 and an NEA Fellowship in 1998; and

WHEREAS, A writer of other books and publications, and affiliated numerous creative works, Professor Louis Asekoff was nominated for the Pushcart Prize in 2007; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession, dedicating themselves to its enhancement and leading it in new directions, are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Professor Louis Asekoff upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Professor Louis Asekoff.