LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Armory Foundation for its many years of exemplary service to the community, the State of New York, and the United States

WHEREAS, The Armory Foundation and its founder, Norbert W. Sander, Jr., MD, have made such a contribution to the uptown community, the city and the State of New York through its programming in athletics and education; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the Armory Foundation for its many years of exemplary service to the community, the State of New York, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Armory Foundation serves over 125,000 students each year, providing access to the greatest and most heavily utilized indoor track in the United States by holding hundreds of competitions, including the Millrose games, a century old running tradition; its youth jamborees which touch thousands of the youngest athletes; and educational programs such as college readiness for New York City's high school students, a program which has yielded a 95% graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, The Armory Foundation has collaborated with elected officials to stage the annual "Uptown Games" event, a track and field training exercise for students of upper Manhattan, an area suffering from an above average childhood obesity rate, to teach the fun and importance of exercise and health living, in conjunction with schools in the community; and provide ongoing free access for public schools to their state-of-the-art facility for long-term and continued benefit; and

WHEREAS, The Armory Foundation, and Norbert Sander, Jr., who is the only New Yorker to win the famed New York City Marathon, have touched the lives of so many New Yorkers and young athletes across America, and allowed them to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Armory Foundation for its many years of exemplary service to the community, the State of New York, and the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norbert W. Sander, Jr., and the Armory Foundation.