LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James B. McHugh, upon the occasion of being named winner of the 2013 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council on June 13, 2013

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James B. McHugh, upon the occasion of being named winner of the 2013 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; he will be honored at its 62nd Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council is an umbrella organization composed of nearly 100 civic groups, whose goal is to improve the quality of life for residents in the Brooklyn, New York, neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Fort Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council Civic Award is given annually to an individual who has a passion for improving life for those around them, while at the same time capturing the unique spirit of Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, The son of Barbara and Joseph McHugh, James McHugh is one of seven children; his family moved to Bay Ridge in 1964 and became parishioners of Saint Anselm Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Senior vice president of Signature Bank, James B. McHugh 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, James McHugh is a member of the Cathedral Club of Brooklyn and treasurer of the St. Patrick Society of Brooklyn; he is an executive board member of the Boy Scouts of America, an advisory board member for the Bay Ridge Center, a member of the board of governors for Daytop Villages, Inc., and a member of the Bay Ridge Bayforts, the Colonial Club and the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 3; he also plays an active role in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising event; and

WHEREAS, His outstanding community service has received numerous accolades; he won the International Brotherhood Award for P.S. 104 in 2008, and was named the Ragamuffin Parade's "Man of the Year" in 2009; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Staten Island, James McHugh is a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and is actively involved in his children's school; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kristin, and their three children, 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 James McHugh has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James B. McHugh upon the occasion of being named winner of the 2013 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James B. McHugh.