

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Teen Challenge Inc. of Brooklyn upon the occasion of celebrating 55 years of service to the community

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who 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 Teen Challenge Inc. of Brooklyn upon the occasion of celebrating 55 years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, The world transforming Life Training Center for those suffering from life-controlling habits celebrates 55 years of service, not only to the Brooklyn community, but to the world; and

WHEREAS, Out of the humble beginnings of Teen Challenge in Brooklyn were birthed success stories such as Nicky Cruz who defied the odds of escaping the gang and drug life to become an accomplished author, film maker and international evangelist; and

WHEREAS, Since 1958, Teen Challenge, started in Brooklyn, New York, has seen remarkable growth; thousands of lives have been changed; the Teen Challenge program now exists in 91 countries worldwide with invites from 43 more countries who are asking for help; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 202 centers in the United States and 1,060 around the world helping children, teens, men, women and families; and

WHEREAS, Teen Challenge strives to help the whole person, not just the substance abuser; what a transition the Clinton Hills community has seen over the past 55 years, and through it all, Teen Challenge stands tall to continue providing a place for those in the community to find freedom from addiction and much more; and

WHEREAS, Teen Challenge not only provides food and shelter, but also access to future opportunities through the re-entry program which builds a bridge from the student's new life to the future; and

WHEREAS, The roots of Teen Challenge extend deep into the soil of Brooklyn, New York; with over 300 of Brooklyn's marginalized citizens served each month at the Brooklyn Teen Challenge Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, it remains a place of hope, first, for the Brooklyn community, then for the world; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Teen Challenge Inc. of Brooklyn upon the occasion of celebrating 55 years of service to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Teen Challenge Inc. of Brooklyn.