LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending photographer Brandon Stanton upon the occasion of being honored for his service to the Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, community on April 25, 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Stanton has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brandon Stanton upon the occasion of being honored for his service to the Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, community on Thursday, April 25, 2013; and WHEREAS, Brandon Stanton 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, A resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant, and owner of the street photography website, HUMANS OF NEW YORK, Brandon Stanton has used his social media platform for the benefit of his beloved neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Stanton raised significant funds for Hurricane Sandy relief through Tumblr; he also turned a situation in which he was wronged by a corporation into a financial windfall for the Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA summer camp; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Brandon Stanton 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 Brandon Stanton has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Brandon Stanton upon the occasion of being honored for his service to the Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brandon Stanton.