

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Lafayette Gardens

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Lafayette Gardens on Saturday, August 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Gardens was newly constructed at the time in Clinton Hills as a 7.68-acre Brooklyn development; its completion date was July 31, 1962, and it is bordered by Lafayette, Classon, DeKalb and Franklin Avenues; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Gardens is one of 26 Public Housing Developments in Brooklyn West and has seven buildings, 13, 15, and 20-stories tall, with 880 apartments that provide low income mixed housing options to more than 2,500 residents of all ages, ethnic and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, This 50-year mark is historic and monumental given the economic and political factors challenging public housing in New York City and throughout America, including the elimination of crucial funding for infrastructure and program services; this is also compounded by challenged job creation and availability in and around public housing communities; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Gardens' Resident Association is a democratically elected governing body of residents charged with the mission of making a positive difference in the quality of life for all residents and the community; the focus of the organization is to provide opportunities to participate in a multitude of community, educational and recreational programs, as well as job readiness and training initiatives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Lafayette Gardens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Resident Association of Lafayette Gardens.