LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Max L. Kupferberg upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden on June  $6,\ 2013$ 

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, Max L. Kupferberg 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 Max L. Kupferberg upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden, to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Rose Gala on Thursday, June 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Queens Botanical Garden is an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Max L. Kupferberg graduated from Queens College in 1942, and was one of the first students at the College to major in Physics; after graduation, he was recruited as a scientist into the Manhattan Project; he was the husband of the late Selma Share Kupferberg; and

WHEREAS, The youngest of seven children, Max L. Kupferberg was the second member of his family to graduate from college; he is an avid golfer, and has been involved in horse racing with his son, Saul, since the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Max L. Kupferberg, is Chairman of the Board of Kepco, Inc., a manufacturer of electrical equipment he founded in 1946 with his brothers, Ken, Jessie and Jack; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man has been a Director of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. since its inception in 1993, as well as New York Community Bank since 1983; in addition, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of New York Commercial Bank since its establishment in December of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Max L. Kupferberg is a founding member of the Temple Beth Sholom, and an active participant in many community based organizations including, the Flushing YMCA, Flushing Hospital Medical Center, Rotary Club, New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, Service Lodge 1009, and Queens Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Max L. Kupferberg is a member of various academic organizations, including the Queens College Alumni Association, the American Institute of Physics, and Sigma Psi; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Max L. Kupferberg has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Max L. Kupferberg upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by the Queens Botanical Garden on June 6, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Max L. Kupferberg.