

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire upon the occasion of his designation as 2014 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Civic Association Memorial Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire upon the occasion of his designation as 2014 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Civic Association Memorial Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire is the son of parents who migrated to the United States from Haiti in the early 1970s; watching his mother and father take principal positions with their union to fight, and sometimes strike, for workplace fairness gave him a profound appreciation for working families who labor hard and long just to subsist; and

WHEREAS, These experiences molded Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire as he matriculated through Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance, and later earning a Juris Doctor degree from the CUNY School of Law at Queens College; and

WHEREAS, As a law student, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire sacrificed his winter recess breaks to work for the Greater Miami Legal Services' Haitian Asylum Project, and the Center for Constitutional Rights Illegal Redistricting Project in Greenwood, Mississippi; while interning for the Greater Miami Legal Services, he assisted Haitian immigrants overcome the disparate policies that unfairly targeted Haitian asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from law school in 1997, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire began his legal career in the criminal law field with the New York City Department of Correction; in his capacity as a Legal Coordinator, he assisted adult and adolescent detainees with legal research, trial preparation, post-conviction appeals, and Habeas Corpus filing; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire shifted his practice to civil law, and accepted employment at MFY Legal Services where he coordinated the New Starts Initiative project, whose primary purpose was to assist low-income women with legal issues while transitioning from welfare to self-sufficiency; thereafter, he was recruited by Travelers Insurance Company to lead its Trial Litigation department; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire opened his own practice with a primary focus on employment discrimination, personal injury, foreclosure prevention and wills and estates; and

WHEREAS, Even in light of his demanding professional career, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire remains committed to his community and serves on the Board of several civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by The Nu Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for his work with the Rosedale Jets Youth Football organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire 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 Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire has

displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire upon the occasion of his designation as 2014 Grand Marshall of the Rosedale Civic Association Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacques M. Leandre, Esquire.