

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Basil Capetanakis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Basil Capetanakis, upon the occasion of being named winner of the 2014 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; he will be honored at its 63rd Annual Dinner Dance on Thursday, June 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council is an umbrella organization composed of nearly 100 civic groups, whose goal is to improve the quality of life for residents in the Brooklyn, New York, neighborhoods of Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, and Fort Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Ridge Community Council Civic Award is given annually to an individual who has a passion for improving life for those around them, while at the same time capturing the unique spirit of Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Basil Capetanakis 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, Basil Capetanakis was born in Sparta, Greece in 1930; he and his family immigrated to the United States in 1946, and eventually settled in Park Slope; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Manual Training High School, Basil Capetanakis attended Brooklyn College, while also starting the first of many businesses with his family, a popular restaurant in Park Slope; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man served his country honorably as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War, joining his brother James in the Fourth Infantry in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge in 1955, Basil Capetanakis rejoined his family business and completed his studies at Brooklyn College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1959; he then completed graduate coursework in the Real Estate Program at Baruch College, and began his long and successful real estate career; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Basil Capetanakis founded 14 Apollo Real Estate, which he named after the Apollo space mission; since then, he has been a fixture in the real estate industry, particularly in Bay Ridge and Park Slope, where he became a Director of the Board of Realtors and Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to community service, Basil Capetanakis is past president of both Brooklyn's AHEPA Chapter 41 and the parish council of Kimisis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church, Chairman of Community Board 10, and a member of Fort Hamilton's Citizen Action Committee; in addition he is a founding member of the Soterios Ellenas Parochial School and the 5th Avenue Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his successful 50 year career, Basil Capetanakis has received numerous awards from religious, political, and secular organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Basil Capetanakis has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Angeline, his three

children, Charles (Dena), John (Elissa) and Maria (Tony), as well as his nine grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable man has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Basil Capetanakis upon the occasion of being named winner of the 2014 Civic Award by the Bay Ridge Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Basil Capetanakis.