

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Adib C. Kassis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Nicholas Home, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Adib C. Kassis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Nicholas Home, Inc. to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at The Vanderbilt in Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate from St. Joseph's University in Lebanon, Adib C. Kassis has been a vital part of the Lebanese community in the United States for many years; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his community, Adib C. Kassis has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades such as the 1997 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the 1997 Cross of Jerusalem by Patriarch Hakim, the 2004 Lebanon Presidential Order of the Cedars, the 2014 Distinguished Service Award by the City of Los Angeles, and the 1997 St. Gregory the Great Commander title, awarded by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, as well as many more; and

WHEREAS, Adib C. Kassis 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, Dedicated to his community, Adib C. Kassis has served on several Board of Directors of various organizations including the St. Nicholas Home in New York, the Rene Moawad Foundation in Washington, D.C., the American Arab National Museum in Michigan, and the National Ethic Coalition, which sponsors the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Adib C. Kassis 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 Adib C. Kassis has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, 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 commend Adib C. Kassiss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Nicholas Home, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adib C. Kassiss.