

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMEND Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees at The Alan Gala on Tuesday, April 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, For the past 14 years, Alan H. Fishman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Alan H. Fishman has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), a multi-arts center which has been the home for adventurous artists, audiences and ideas; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Chairman of the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees, Alan H. Fishman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Alan H. Fishman held the title of BAM Chairman from 2002-2016, and continues to serve as Chairman Emeritus; in addition to all his other contributions, he and his wife helped raise funds for the construction of the BAM Fisher, a theater that was named the Judith and Alan Fishman Space in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Alan H. Fishman also serves on Boards of several private companies and other not-for-profit and civic organizations, and is the Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his noble career, he served as the President of Sovereign Bank and both President and CEO of its predecessor, Independence Community Bank; currently, he holds the position of Chairman of Ladder Capital Finance; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Alan H. Fishman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of

Trustees, Alan H. Fishman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alan H. Fishman.