

**BY:** Senator MONTGOMERY

**HONORING** Gardy Brazela upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

**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,** Gardy Brazela 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 honor Gardy Brazela upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., to be celebrated at its 51st Annual Founders' Day Observance, "Empowering Communities and Shaping Lives," on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Gardy Brazela began his illustrious career as an Advisor in the 69th Precinct Community Council in 1997; after being elected as Corresponding Secretary, he moved up to Vice President until his promotion to President on January 1, 2015, the esteemed position he continues to hold today; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Haiti, Gardy Brazela is founder of the Friends United Block Association, an organization which provides programs and services in the Canarsie Neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, and helps community members address quality of life concerns; and

**WHEREAS,** Gardy Brazela attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College before going on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Master's degree in Urban Policy Administration from Brooklyn College; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, he founded the United Youth Center, a truly vital community resource which provides local youth with training in computer skills, basic life skills, homework help and piano lessons; and

**WHEREAS,** Gardy Brazela has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his extensive community work; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gardy Brazela has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body

to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to

Gardy Brazela, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gardy Brazela upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of Distinction Award by The Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gardy Brazela.