

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rolando Scott, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club on May 7, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Rolando Scott, Jr., President of Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 1109, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club, to be held at The Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, May 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Rolando Scott began his career with the New York Telephone Company in 1990 as a Cable Splicer at Nevins Street Garage in Brooklyn; he became a Local 1109 Shop Steward in 1993 and was very active in his garage working tirelessly on behalf of its members and encouraging them to become more active in union affairs; and

WHEREAS, He completed Advanced Steward training in 1996 and, later that year, was named to Local 1109's Membership Committee; in 1998 he became a Business Agent and was responsible for the Cable Splicing Garages in North Brooklyn as well as various Central Offices; his dedication to the entire membership made him a popular leader throughout the borough, leading to his becoming, in 1999, Vice Chairman of 1109's Borough-wide Transfer and Canvass Over-Site Committee; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding public speaker, Rolando Scott has often helped represent the union's views at national and New York State Legislative conferences and hearings and State Public Service Commission hearings, and he annually attends the C.W.A. National Legislative conferences in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Rolando Scott was elected a member of the Local 1109 Executive Board; he became the Co-Chairperson of the Brooklyn Tier II Joint Union/Management Safety Committee and was instrumental in introducing an innovative Ladder Safety Program for Field Technicians to the borough, and he also served on the CWA/Verizon New York State Ergonomics Tool Committee; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Brooklyn Tech, he spent two years at New York Institute of Technology and two years at City College of The City University of New York; in 2003, he received a certificate from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations in Ithaca, New York, in District One Leadership Training and he has also completed Cornell University Labor Studies courses in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Rolando Scott, Jr. was elected President of Local 1109; in addition to the many responsibilities of this position, he is a member of the AFL-CIO, New York City Central Labor Council, the C.W.A. N.Y. Down State Coordinating Council and the C.W.A./Verizon N.Y.S. Employee Placement Team and is also the Fund Manager of the Local 1109 Pension & Welfare Fund and a Trustee of the CWA Long Island Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in arranging for Cornell Industrial Labor Relations College to partner with CWA to offer, since 2008, courses for stewards and staff at the union's headquarters in Brooklyn and in involving Local 1109 in community Toy Drives at Brooklyn Hospital and Breast Cancer Walks in Prospect Park; and

WHEREAS, With Rolando Scott, Jr. throughout have been his wife Lisa and their daughter Safiya, both of whom are proud to be part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rolando Scott, Jr. has distinguished himself in his profession and in his community and truly merits the recognition of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rolando Scott, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 43rd Annual Dinner Dance of the United Progressive Club on May 7, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rolando Scott, Jr.