

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rocco Basile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services on April 28, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity and whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 honor Rocco Basile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner and Gala at Rex Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on Thursday, April 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Rocco Basile has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New York City, Rocco Basile graduated in 1986, with honors from Xaverian High School in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; he went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from New York University in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Rocco Basile works at Basile Builders Group (BBG), a family-owned real estate development firm which has successfully constructed over 30 buildings throughout the New York City area and has employed hundreds of subcontractors; and

WHEREAS, Devoting countless hours and boundless energy to the mission of educating underprivileged children in the area of Southwest Brooklyn, Rocco Basile served on the Board of Directors of Children of the City for six years and most recently as its Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, Children of the City is the only organization in the Sunset Park region providing at-risk students with a solid and comprehensive educational program that addresses their lack of proper academic resources; furthermore, it provides a multitude of services to families in the community including counseling, legal advocacy, life skills training, guardianship, and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Basile has also raised a substantial amount of funds in conjunction with Xaverian High School's Joe DiMaggio Committee, for children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Basile has assisted and offered support to ComALERT, a program designed to help parolees re-acclimate themselves to society and establish themselves professionally; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Basile has also worked closely with Safe Horizon, the largest victim assistance agency for domestic violence, offering dedicated support to victims and their families as well as violence prevention programs and justice promotion; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Missy, and their two daughters, Ava and Olivia, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Rocco Basile over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Rocco Basile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Man of the Year Award by Reaching-Out Community Services on April 28, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rocco Basile.