

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brook Peters upon the occasion of the selection of his film, "The Second Day" for screening at the Tribeca Film Festival on April 30, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brook Peters upon the occasion of the selection of his film, "The Second Day" for screening at the Tribeca Film Festival on Saturday, April 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Fourteen year-old Brook Peters' film, "The Second Day" documents the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, and the effect it had on some of the 5,600-plus children who attended school near Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, Brook Peters had just started school at P.S. 150, eight blocks from the World Trade Center, when the hijacked planes flew over his public school toward the Twin Towers; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 11, Brook Peters began filming "The Second Day" as a personal project, inspired by his own memories of the catastrophe; in his spare time, he conducted approximately 18 hours of interviews which he shot on a basic camcorder and edited on family friends' computers; and

WHEREAS, The finished product, "The Second Day" is a 38-minute movie compiled from 20 interviews with students, teachers, firefighters and others; it has become part of the public narrative of documenting and memorializing the attacks and aims to view the disaster from a vantage point of the children in its midst; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Brook Peters represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brook Peters upon the occasion of the selection of his film, "The Second Day" for screening at the Tribeca Film Festival on April 30, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brook Peters.