

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Brooklyn's Mill Basin Kosher Delicatessen on winning the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS' 2011 Best of New York Pastrami Contest

WHEREAS, Within each community of the great City and State of New York there are certain places which serve to define the nature of the community and the people who live and work there; and

WHEREAS, Such is true of the Mill Basin Deli, fabled eating establishment and landmark restaurant which is a Brooklyn institution and dining tradition; and

WHEREAS, In full accord with its time-honored traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mill Basin Deli, and its owner Mark Schachner, upon the occasion of the deli's pastrami sandwich being voted Best of New York by NEW YORK DAILY NEWS readers for 2011; and

WHEREAS, Now celebrating its 37th Anniversary, Mark Schachner has owned the Mill Basin Deli, located at 5823 Avenue T, for all those 37 years and his enormous pastrami sandwich has drawn many a follower; and

WHEREAS, The sandwich is prepared with a secret rub; Mark Schachner says the magic of the sandwich is in that rub, the ingredients of which only he and his loyal workers know, and in the fact that he steams his pastrami every morning not once but twice, leaving the meat juicy and eliminating the fat; and

WHEREAS, The Mill Basin Deli is popular not just as a feast for the stomach but also for the eyes, thanks to paintings by world-renowned artists, such as Roy Lichtenstein and Marc Chagall, which Mark Schachner has hung on its walls over the years; and

WHEREAS, Though he has sold some works off the deli's walls, he now runs his art business through a nearby gallery, but continues to display beautiful artwork in the deli's dining room; and

WHEREAS, When he had the opportunity, Mark Schachner expanded the Avenue T deli into an adjacent storefront and he began making deliveries in the Pastrami Taxi when he bought a car through the Cash for Clunkers program and decorated with sandwich decals; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the success and acclaim of this exceptional restaurant and recognizes its many contributions to the Brooklyn community and economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Brooklyn's Mill Basin Kosher Delicatessen on winning the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS' 2011 Best of New York Pastrami Contest, fully confident that in the future it will continue to enjoy the same success and spirit which have characterized its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark Schachner, Mill Basin Deli, 5823 Avenue T, Brooklyn, New York 11224.