

**BY:** Senator MONTGOMERY

**COMMEND** Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the 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 commend Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees at The Alan Gala on Tuesday, April 4, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** For the past 14 years, Alan H. Fishman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of singular distinction, Alan H. Fishman has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), a multi-arts center which has been the home for adventurous artists, audiences and ideas; and

**WHEREAS,** In his capacity as Chairman of the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees, Alan H. Fishman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** Alan H. Fishman held the title of BAM Chairman from 2002-2016, and continues to serve as Chairman Emeritus; in addition to all his other contributions, he and his wife helped raise funds for the construction of the BAM Fisher, a theater that was named the Judith and Alan Fishman Space in their honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Dedicated to his community, Alan H. Fishman also serves on Boards of several private companies and other not-for-profit and civic organizations, and is the Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his noble career, he served as the President of Sovereign Bank and both President and CEO of its predecessor, Independence Community Bank; currently, he holds the position of Chairman of Ladder Capital Finance; and

**WHEREAS,** In his official acts, Alan H. Fishman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure with Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of

Trustees, Alan H. Fishman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alan H. Fishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service to Brooklyn Academy of Music's Board of Trustees, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alan H. Fishman.