



New York State Assembly Citation

Assemblymembers Robert J. Castelli & Amy R. Paulin hereby present this Citation to

Bryant Gardens

WHEREAS, community gardens create a love for and interest in gardening; encourage learning the lore of gardening, horticulture, design, and flower arranging; aid in conserving the natural flora; cooperate in beautifying public grounds; and serve to educate the residents of this great Empire State about sustainable agriculture and responsible land stewardship, providing an informational classroom for children and adults to learn skills caring for the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bryant Gardens upon the occasion of its designation for special honor in starting and maintaining their special gardens; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated during the observance of White Plains Earth Week in the historic City of White Plains, the birthplace of New York State, on Saturday, the thirtieth of April, two thousand eleven; and

WHEREAS, created by Bryant Gardens, this sustainable garden has enhanced the charm and character of the cooperative apartments and the great City of White Plains; this generous effort by Bryant Gardens is today being recognized upon the occasion of celebrating the gardens of the great City of White Plains and the State of New York, which is home to thousands of community gardens; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets has provided funding for community gardens through its Community Gardens Capacity Building Grant Program, as community gardens build community by crossing cultural and socioeconomic divides by providing a common space for neighbors to work together; and

WHEREAS, community gardens empower residents to become more active in their communities, providing cross-cultural and intergenerational opportunities for people to come together; they reduce stress, help to draw people out of their home, and increase physical activity; and


WHEREAS, the community gardens of Bryant Gardens harvest fresh produce to feed the community, and those most in need made possible through the efforts of numerous volunteers and donors from the community;

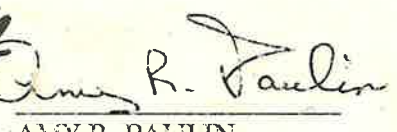
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, as duly elected Members of the Assembly of the State of New York, and on behalf of the citizens in the 88th and 89th Assembly Districts, do hereby offer our thanks and appreciation to Bryant Gardens.

April 30th, 2011

*In Witness Whereof we hereunto set
our hands and signatures*




ROBERT J. CASTELLI
Member of Assembly


AMY R. PAULIN
Member of Assembly