RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of an endowed chair at The City College of New York as “The Anna and Irving Brodsky Clinical Chair.”

EXPLANATION: Bert E. Brodsky is a 1964 economics graduate of The City College of New York, and also holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the College. In 2011 Mr. Brodsky pledged $1,000,000 to endow the College’s first clinical chair at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, in response to a 1:2 challenge made by Alan Davis through a gift of $500,000 to the City College 21st Century Foundation.

Mr. Davis is the son of Leonard and Sophie Davis, the philanthropists for whom the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education was named, and steward of the Davis family’s investments at CCNY. The purpose of Mr. Davis’ challenge was to increase Sophie Davis’ clinical offerings, a critical addition to its students’ medical training.

As a result of Mr. Brodsky’s pledge, City College was able to recruit a talented professional to integrate Sophie Davis’ clinical and basic science curricular content. In recognition of his pledge, and in accordance with the agreement made with Mr. Davis, the College requests that an endowed chair be named “The Anna and Irving Brodsky Clinical Chair” in honor of Mr. Brodsky’s parents.