BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Naming of the Marshall G. Kaplan Chair in Municipal Government

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Marshall G. Kaplan Chair in Municipal Government” at Brooklyn College.

EXPLANATION: Marshall G. Kaplan graduated from Brooklyn College in 1949 with a B.A. in Political Science. He was simultaneously enrolled in Brooklyn Law School and earned an L.L.B. that same year. Subsequently, Mr. Kaplan practiced law in Brooklyn, and his interest in municipal government was fueled by his presidency of the New York City Tax Commission; a position which required ruling on protests to real property tax assessments and applications for exemptions from the tax. Among his many professional achievements, since 1946 Mr. Kaplan has been a member of the Jewish War Veterans, and he currently serves as the National Court President of the organization. Mr. Kaplan also has been very active with the Brooklyn Bar Association, serving as its treasurer, secretary, first vice-president and, in 1982, as its president.

On October 21, 2014, Mr. Kaplan pledged $1.5 million to endow a chair in Municipal Government in the Accounting Department of the Brooklyn College School of Business. Prior to this pledge, Mr. Kaplan had donated a total of $450,000 to Brooklyn College since 1987.

In recognition of Mr. Kaplan’s longstanding support and generosity, the Brooklyn College Foundation requests the Board of Trustees’ approval to name the “Marshall G. Kaplan Chair in Municipal Government” in his honor.