BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Naming of The Robert M. Glassman ’48 Lecture Hall at Brooklyn College

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of “The Robert M. Glassman ’48 Lecture Hall” at Brooklyn College.

EXPLANATION: Robert M. Glassman was a Brooklyn native and a proud graduate of New Utrecht High School and Brooklyn College. In memory of his love of Brooklyn College, Mr. Glassman’s wife, Sandra, has pledged $1 million to establish the Robert M. Glassman ’48 Fund, which will support Presidential Scholarships and Macaulay Honors Opportunity Fund awards.

Bob Glassman worked many jobs during his youth, including stints at the original Nathan's in Coney Island, as a Good Humor man, and many summers during college at White Roe Lake Hotel in the Catskills. Bob majored in Economics at Brooklyn College, and started his own business while still an undergraduate. After graduating from the College, he established a children's apparel company, Kenilworth Sportswear, which he successfully grew from a one-man operation to an organization with national distribution and more than 350 employees. Bob remained president of the company until his retirement in 2006.

His wife Sandra, née Gottesman, is also a Brooklyn College alumnus who graduated in 1956. Bob and Sandra were partners in business and life for more than 60 years, and had three children and four grandchildren. Bob died on August 4, 2014, at the age of 87.

In recognition of this generous gift, the College identified the lecture hall located at 320 Whitehead Hall as a site to name in memory of Mr. Glassman. Therefore, the College requests the approval of the CUNY Board of Trustees to name this room “The Robert M. Glassman ’48 Lecture Hall.”