RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of “The Theodore Kheel Visiting Fellow in Transportation Policy” at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: In tribute to its late founder, Theodore W. Kheel, the preeminent labor negotiator, lawyer, and environmentalist, the Nature Nurture Foundation has pledged $450,000 to establish and support “The Theodore Kheel Visiting Fellow in Transportation Policy” at Hunter College. One-third of the pledged amount has been received to date.

The Kheel Fellow will bring to Hunter College expertise as a practitioner-in-residence, focusing on urban transportation policy and the creation of a balanced transportation system in New York City, with a view toward serving as a case model for other urban centers around the world. The Kheel Fellow will be based at the Roosevelt Public Policy Institute at Hunter College over the course of a year, with substantial and well-defined assignments, including research, teaching, faculty development, student engagement, and public programming.

The Nature Nurture Foundation was founded by Theodore Kheel in 1991 in an effort to resolve what he perceived to be the intensifying conflict between the indispensable goals of environmental protection and economic development. Robert J. Kheel, Theodore Kheel’s son, is President and Treasurer of the Nature Nurture Foundation; his sister, Jane Kheel Stanley, serves as its Vice President. The Nature Nurture Foundation has been instrumental in helping to found a number of other organizations including the CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities.

In recognition of the Nature Nurture Foundation’s generous support of Hunter College, and to honor Theodore Kheel’s lasting contribution to the environmental movement and specifically to finding solution to urban transportation challenges, the College wishes to name “The Theodore Kheel Visiting Fellow in Transportation Policy.”