



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

CITY OF NEW YORK

Proclamation

Whereas, there are times when individuals move from the confines of ordinary into extraordinary, when the seeds they have planted throughout their lifetime have become even greater examples of themselves, it is therefore fitting that we acknowledge the impact of these individuals on the lives of all whom they touch; and

Whereas, former staff and students of Lafayette High School have come together for a final reunion to celebrate a stellar 68 years of educating kids, and to pay tribute to Coach Harry Ostro who coached the longest running, "winningest" football team in the school's history, and one that the media dubbed the "Notre Dame" of high school football, a war hero and Purple Heart recipient, a man who epitomizes class, honesty, respect and "tough love," treating his students with equal doses of affection and discipline; to honor a true Brooklynite, a man raised and educated in Brooklyn, who returned to the Brooklyn educational system to give back to a new generation of leaders, a man who personifies his mantra "the true worth of a human's existence can be found in the legacy of their deeds," and the students that came under his tutelage are perfect examples of that legacy; and

Whereas, on behalf of all Brooklynites, I commend and salute Coach Harry Ostro for all the years of selfless love and dedication that you put into your students at Lafayette High School, and for helping to shape them into the men they are today, a man truly worthy of having this athletic complex dedicated in his name, and I thank all of those present for helping to make Brooklyn a better place to live, work and raise a family;

Now, therefore, I, Marty Markowitz, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 13th, 2007

Lafayette High School Coach Harry Ostro Celebration Day in Brooklyn, USA

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Brooklyn to be affixed this 13th day of October, 2007.

President of the Borough of Brooklyn

