

## **2023-J1969**

Senate Resolution No. 1969

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Kathryn Grande upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Cellini Lodge No. 2206, on March 22, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathryn Grande upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Cellini Lodge No. 2206, on Friday, March 22, 2024, at the Westbury Manor in Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year's theme is "La Festa 2024àCelebrating Cellini 56! A Salute to Adele Balsamo, Kathryn Grande, and Anthony Ventiera, Cellini Lodge No. 2206 Past Deputies, OSDA! And Special Recognition of Cellini Lodge Veteran Members"; and

WHEREAS, The mission statement of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America is "We endeavor to keep alive Italian culture & heritage by inspiring members to participate in the Italian- American experience by sharing traditions and stories through lodge and community events; and to be charitable in both educational and humanitarian causes for and beyond our members and community"; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande has been selected as an esteemed honoree of this year's Scholarship/Charitable Benefit Dinner Dance for her dedicated and valuable service as Past Lodge Deputy of the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Cellini Lodge No. 2206; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Kathryn Grande was involved in many organizations and committees, including: the Organization of Parents and Teachers; North Shore Schools Board of Education; Loggia Glen Cove No. 10161, where she worked her way up to the role of president- the fourth woman to serve such role, and chaired the Scholarship Committee, (where she conducted an annual Scholarship and Awards Night) Membership Committee, Annual Dinner Dance and Journal Committee, Nominating Committee, Awards Dinner Dance Committee, Heritage and Culture Committee Budget Committee and the Memorial Day Committee; while she was president, she initiated the first St. Joseph's Day celebration and the money raised was given to St. Rocco's Church to help the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande had several guest speakers on Italian Culture at the membership meetings, set up the first Italian Heritage and Culture displays at the Glen Cove Public Library and brought prolific speakers to the library during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande was chairperson for the District II Presidents' Council; she was Lodge Deputy to the John Michael Marino Lodge No. 1389 for four years, then was appointed to the Cellini Lodge No. 2206 for four years, and again to the John Michael Marino Lodge No. 1389 for another four years; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande sponsored two State Scholarships in memory of her parents, Rose and Frank Della Ratta; she also sponsors the Dante Medal for Excellence in Italian; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande is active in the New York State Retired Teachers' Association; she has been on the Legislative Action Committee representing North Nassau Retired Teachers' Association, West End Retired Teachers' Association, and was on the State-level representing the Long Island Zone; she has served four years as President of the Long

Island Zone and has been a delegate to the Animal Convention since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Grande continued to enjoy working on all the activities and events she started in 2000, when she returned as President in 2018; Loggia Glen Cove has been an integral part of her life for the past 48 years; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, Angelo; their children, Ignatius and Angela Rose; her brother, John; and nieces and nephews, John, Regina, and Andrew, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A testament to their dedicated service to others, the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America maintain a highly successful scholarship and charity program, raising funds annually to provide monetary awards to the numerous beneficiaries of the New Hyde Park community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Order Sons of Italy in America, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathryn Grande upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, Cellini Lodge No. 2206, on March 22, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathryn Grande.