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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Richmond County Bar Association on May 7, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Richmond County Bar Association on May 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised on Staten Island, Eric N. Vitaliano received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham College and a Juris Doctor degree from the New York University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from law school in 1971, Eric N. Vitaliano clerked for United States District Judge Mark A. Constantino and worked for the prestigious Manhattan law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett for seven years before serving as the Chief of Staff to Congressman John M. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Eric N. Vitaliano was elected to the New York State Assembly, where he represented the 59th and 60th Assembly proudly until 2001, when he was elected to serve as a Civil Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Eric N. Vitaliano became a New York State Supreme Court Justice in 2004 and was nominated to the Eastern District bench the following year; he was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 21, 2005, and received his commission on January 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, With Eric N. Vitaliano throughout have been his wife, Helen,

and their four children, Michael, Emma, Abigail and Halle, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the community of the State of New York, Eric N. Vitaliano's life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service, and present a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Eric N. Vitaliano and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Richmond County Bar Association on May 7, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano.