

## 2011-J386

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Lauro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Lauro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd., to be celebrated at its 34th Anniversary Gala on March 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Lauro is a Registered Architect and a Principal at Gensler one of the world's largest Architectural Design Firms; Gensler is a diverse firm providing design services for the full array of business around the world; Gensler provides their expertise through 14 Practice Areas, Mr. Lauro leads the Mission Critical Facilities Practice Area internationally; and

WHEREAS, In addition to leading a Practice Area at Gensler, Mr. Lauro is a Technical Director responsible for technical excellence, quality assurance and design development in the North East Region; he leads the North East Region Education Group responsible for the staff education programs that are meant to provide training, mentorship and professional development for young architects; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the sustainable building design movement, Mr. Lauro was part of the early class of design professionals to become a LEED Accredited Professional, a certification from the United States Green Building Council; as a LEED professional, he developed training programs to teach professionals the fundamentals of the LEED Program and the basics required for professional accreditation; in 2005, he was the Architect for the world's first LEED Certified Data Center/Office Building for Fannie Mae in Urbana, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Lauro has led the design team that is responsible for

"Il Centro" the first Italian American Community Center; as a proud Italian American, who was born in Mola de Bari, Italy and raised in Brooklyn, he has led the success of the FIAO team with an unparalleled passion matched only by the FIAO team; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Lauro graduated from the New York Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Architecture; he is an active member of the American Institute of Architects, Urban Land Institute, The Construction Specification Institute, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, United States Green Building Council and The Green Grid; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Lauro is married to Jennifer and they are blessed with two beautiful children, DiAnna and Giovanni; the Lauro family has their roots in Brooklyn and continues to provide support to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph Lauro upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Lauro.