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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maria Bartiromo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavor, in their community, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Maria Bartiromo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Maria Bartiromo will be honored at the school's Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, to be held at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Brooklyn on Wednesday, May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future; Brooklyn's Fontbonne Hall Academy has a proud and rich history of providing young women with an educational foundation which is both strong and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy has been a leader in educating young women for more than 71 years; it is a college-preparatory school whose mission is to offer a superior educational program while forming and empowering young women of confidence and compassion; located in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, its students come from southwest Brooklyn, southern Queens and Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, Fontbonne Hall Academy proudly honors outstanding members of the Fontbonne family and community who exemplify and support its mission and whose lives and accomplishments epitomize the character and tenets of the school, inducting them into its Hall of Fame; Maria Bartiromo truly merits this

high honor; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Fontbonne Hall Academy, Class of 1985, Maria Bartiromo subsequently graduated from New York University, where she studied journalism and economics and served as an Adjunct Professor at its Stern School of Business in the fall 2010 semester; and

WHEREAS, Maria Bartiromo is anchor of CNBC's "Closing Bell with Maria Bartiromo" and anchor and managing editor of the nationally syndicated "Wall Street Journal Report with Maria Bartiromo," recently rated the most watched financial news program in America; both programs air globally on the CNBC network; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, she became the first journalist to report live from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on a daily basis; she has covered Wall Street for 20 years and joined CNBC in 1993 after five years as a producer, writer and assignment editor with CNN Business News; and

WHEREAS, Maria Bartiromo writes a monthly column for USA TODAY, a weekly column for BUSINESSWEEK and MILANO FINANZA, as well as monthly columns for INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR, TICKER and READER'S DIGEST magazines; she has also been published in the FINANCIAL TIMES, NEWSWEEK, TOWN AND COUNTRY, REGISTERED REP and the NEW YORK POST and is, in addition, the author of several books including THE WEEKEND THAT CHANGED WALL STREET and THE 10 LAWS OF ENDURING SUCCESS, both released in 2010; and

WHEREAS, She has received numerous prestigious awards including a 2008 News and Documentary Emmy for her "Bailout Talks Collapse" program broadcast on "NBC Nightly News" and a Gracie Award for "Greenspan: Power, Money & the American Dream" broadcast on CNBC; she won a second Emmy Award for her 2009 documentary "Inside The Mind of Google," which aired on CNBC; in 2009, the FINANCIAL TIMES named her one of the 50

Faces That Shaped the Decade and, in recognition of her impact on the cable industry, Maria Bartiromo will be inducted into the Cable Hall of Fame Class of 2011, the first journalist to be inducted; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, in addition to being a Member of the Board of Trustees of New York University, Maria Bartiromo is a Member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Ballet; the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York; PENCIL (Public Education Needs Civic Involvement and Leadership), a non-profit group focusing on improving New York high schools, and the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum as well as a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Economic Club of New York, and the Board of Governors of the Columbus Citizens Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Since her graduation, Maria Bartiromo has remained connected to Fontbonne, especially through class reunions, however, on January 12, 2010 current Fontbonne Hall Academy students had the opportunity to get to know her when she returned to Fontbonne to speak with the entire school community about her life's journey, advising students to "do what they love, work hard and do the right thing"; and

WHEREAS, Maria Bartiromo is truly a role model and inspiration for young women everywhere, but particularly at Fontbonne Hall Academy, which is fittingly proud to induct her into its Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding accomplishment are brought to its attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maria Bartiromo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance on May 4, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maria Bartiromo.