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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael A. Allegretti upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians as the recipient of its IBG Public Service Award on May 11, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 organizations and individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael A. Allegretti, Director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at the Manhattan Institute, upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians (IBG) as the recipient of its 2011 IBG Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Board of Guardians is a non-profit social services agency; an affiliate of Catholic Charities (Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens), and a member agency of United Way of New York City and of the Human Services Council, it was founded in 1936 to address the emotional, educational, and social needs of the Italian-American community; and

WHEREAS, Each year IBG gratefully acknowledges those who support and work on behalf of its worthy endeavors; Michael A. Allegretti will be honored at the Italian Board of Guardians' Annual Bishops Gala and 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration, to be held at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York on Wednesday evening, May 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Michael Allegretti has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and his profession; and

WHEREAS, Michael Allegretti holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Boston College, and a Diploma in International Relations from Sciences Po in France; for more than a decade he

has been committed to working to fix some of the most complex problems facing business and government; and

WHEREAS, He is currently serving as the Director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at the Manhattan Institute, one of the nation's preeminent policy research centers dedicated to developing and disseminating new ideas which foster greater economic choice and individual responsibility; in this role, he works to develop and promote a new generation of policy reforms for state and city governments, including ideas to address the serious budget and public finance crises currently gripping governments across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Previously, Michael Allegretti served as Senior Advisor for US Policy at The Climate Group, an international organization dedicated to addressing the world's climate crisis; in this capacity, he advised former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, managed relationships with dozens of city and state governments around the world, and developed comprehensive partnerships between Fortune 500 companies and governments; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the staff of The Climate Group, Michael Allegretti was Director of Climate Initiatives at the Partnership for New York City, where he organized the historic May 2007 C40 Large Cities Climate Summit, a gathering of mayors and business leaders from the world's largest cities and corporations committed to addressing global climate change; and

WHEREAS, Before he began working in the public policy arena, Michael A. Allegretti was a professional consultant with a wide range of clients in the New York Metropolitan area; at various points in his career, he also provided strategic counsel to clients in the non-profit sector, including the World Economic Forum, the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, and the Presidential Forum on Renewable Energy; and

WHEREAS, Michael Allegretti's experience in the private sector began on Wall Street as UBS Paine Webber's Public Policy Analyst; it has, however been through his family's small business, Bayside Fuel Oil Depot Corp, that he has learned the most about the realities of business in America; and

WHEREAS, He understands the needs of both business and government, an understanding which has been critical to his consulting work, his public

policy work, and most recently, his candidacy for the United States Congress, an understanding which was recognized in 2009 when he was inducted into the prestigious British American Project, a transatlantic, government-sponsored fellowship of business and government leaders; and WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Michael A. Allegretti has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic, political and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Michael Allegretti's commitment to his community is as deep as is his commitment to his profession; he has served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Guild for Exceptional Children and as a member of the Development Committee of the Federation of Italian American Organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and have faithfully served the needs of their community with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community are brought to our 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 honor Michael A. Allegretti upon the occasion of his designation by the Italian Board of Guardians as the recipient of its 2011 IBG Public Service Award on May 11, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael A. Allegretti.