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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lou and Mary Carnesecca upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., Order Sons of Italy in America on Friday, January 27, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lou and Mary Carnesecca upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., Order Sons of Italy in America on Friday, January 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, This fine event is the organization's 19th Anniversary Winter Charity Ball, to be held at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, As a married couple and as individuals, Lou and Mary Carnesecca have woven service to others into the very fabric of their lives; for many, Lou is truly the face of St. John's University; he came to St. John's as a student, 60 years ago, and ever since, as he puts it, "St. John's has been in my blood."; and

WHEREAS, One of the longest serving head coaches in men's basketball history, Lou Carnesecca became a legend, known for his inspired sweaters and his winning ways; and

WHEREAS, During his 24 seasons, Lou Carnesecca led every one of his teams to the postseason and amassed a remarkable 526-200 record; even more legendary was his concern for his players; Lou's success was as

much about teaching those players how to live, mentoring and counseling them, as it was about the fundamentals of basketball; and

WHEREAS, Lou Carnesecca's insight, passion, and expertise went hand in hand with his generosity, charity, and faith; after retiring from coaching, he became Special Assistant to the President, serving as a goodwill ambassador for St. John's University around the globe and winning friends with his humor, humility, friendliness, and grace; and

WHEREAS, None of this would be possible without the love and support of Lou's own head coach and wife of over 50 years, Mary; best friends, loving parents of daughter Enes, and devoted partners, they are a great team; and

WHEREAS, As a coach's wife, Mary Carnesecca endured long separations from her husband as he built those incomparable St. John's teams; she supported him every step of the way, and he relied on the strength she provided to him; and

WHEREAS, Mary is the backbone of the Carnesecca family, a caring, wonderful partner who shares Lou's dreams and goals; perhaps the greatest legacy the Carnesecca's have created are the many relationships they have nurtured throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Lou has an innate ability to make everyone he meets feel special, and his enthusiasm is infectious; a devoted wife and mother, Mary has always been ready to help those in need and unselfishly shared her husband with so many; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lou and Mary Carnesecca upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Special Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Inc., Order Sons of Italy in America on

Friday, January 27, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lou and Mary Carnesecca.