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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Stella Grillo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition on February 19, 2012

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Stella Grillo has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Stella Grillo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition, to be celebrated at the 32nd Annual Dinner Dance of the Order Sons of Italy in America, New York State Commission for Social Justice, on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Immediate Past President of the New York State Commission for Social Justice (CSJ), Stella Grillo received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Arts in English from Queens College, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Stella Grillo first became associated with the CSJ, serving as Recording Secretary, a position she held for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure as Recording Secretary, Stella Grillo developed the Italian American Women Today column for Justice; she also chaired, as well as served on numerous CSJ committees; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Stella was appointed Vice President of the Positive Image Program, where she was instrumental in developing much positive image material including the Women's Poster, the Heroes Poster, "9-11" bookmarks, and Crime Fighters Poster; and

WHEREAS, Stella Grillo was appointed as New York State CSJ President by former State President Carlo Matteucci at the June 2005, New York State Convention, and subsequently reappointed by New York Presidents Nancy Quinn and Salvatore Lanzilotta; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as President, Stella Grillo addressed many issues of bias, bigotry and stereotyping of Italian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Stella Grillo has participated in an annual positive image program, presented by the Italian American Labor Council, and

in 2008, was awarded their Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual dinner; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Stella Grillo was elected as a Vice President of the Italian American Labor Council; and

WHEREAS, Stella Grillo has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A member of Order Sons of Italy in America since 1978, Stella Grillo has served as President of the Antonio Cutuio and the Marcus Aurelius Lodges; she is presently a Principal Trustee of the Mario Lanza Lodge No. 2491; and

WHEREAS, Stella Grillo also teaches various English and English writing courses at St. Joseph College, Brooklyn Campus; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stella Grillo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stella Grillo has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Stella Grillo upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition on February 19, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stella Grillo.