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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tony Danza upon the occasion of his designation by HeartShare Human Services of New York as the recipient of its 2012 Linda Dano Heart Award

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tony Danza upon the occasion of his designation by HeartShare Human Services of New York as the recipient of its 2012 Linda Dano Heart Award; and

WHEREAS, Tony Danza, TV star, producer, singer, author and teacher, will be honored at the organization's Spring Gala and Auction, to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, HeartShare Human Services of New York is a nonprofit human services agency dedicated to improving the lives of people in need of special services and support, and to helping individuals develop to their fullest potential and lead meaningful and enriched lives; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1914, HeartShare Human Services of New York promotes self-sufficiency and responsibility through its programs and services to more than 25,000 children, adults, families, and the developmentally disabled throughout New York City annually; each year, at its Spring Gala and Auction, it proudly recognizes the achievements of those who exemplify its ideals and help to further its mission; and

WHEREAS, Perhaps best known for starring on some of television's most beloved and long-running series, including "Taxi" (1978-1983), and "Who's the Boss" (1984-1992), Tony Danza has also established himself as a stage and screen star, and is indisputably one of America's most iconic performers; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, Tony Danza received a wrestling scholarship to the University of Dubuque in Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history education; discovered at a boxing gymnasium in New York City, he was ultimately cast in the critically acclaimed

series "Taxi," earning him a place in television history; and WHEREAS, Eventually Tony Danza explored his love for the stage, and amongst his many stage credits is his exciting run on Broadway in Mel Brooks' hit musical "The Producers" playing 'Max Bialystock' (2006-2007), and his reprise of the role in the Las Vegas production at Paris Las Vegas (2007); for his theatrical debut in "Wrong Turn at Lungfish" (1993), he earned an Outer Critic's Circle Award nomination; and

WHEREAS, Tony Danza will be returning to the stage this year as one of the stars of a much buzzed about Broadway bound musical adaption of the 1992 hit Castle Rock comedy, "Honeymoon In Vegas"; the show will open in Toronto this December for a seven week run, before opening on Broadway in spring of 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Tony Danza and his son, Marc, saw their Father-Son Cookbook, "Don't Fill Up On the Antipasto", released to great success; in the book, Tony and Marc present memories of their huge, Italian-American clan along with secret family recipes; and

WHEREAS, Amongst Tony Danza's other television experience is his role as attorney Joe Celano on the CBS dramatic series "Family Law" (2000-2002); he also starred in and was the executive producer of the ABC comedy series "Hudson Street", NBC's "The Tony Danza Show", and also hosted the 2001 "Miss America Pageant," the 2003 "People's Choice Awards", and the 2008 season of "The Contender"; and

WHEREAS, Amongst Tony's big screen credits are his roles in Walt Disney's "Angels in the Outfield" with Danny Glover, "She's Out Of Control," "The Hollywood Knights" and "A Brooklyn State of Mind"; last year, he took on his most challenging and rewarding role yet - teaching 10th grade English at Philadelphia's Northeast High School; his amazing experience working as a real teacher was taped and aired on the A&E channel in the form of the critically acclaimed seven-part documentary series, entitled "TEACH"; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2012, Crown Publishing will publish Tony Danza's book about the experience, entitled I'd Like To Apologize To Every Teacher I Ever Had: My Year As a Rookie Teacher at Northeast High; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Tony Danza has displayed throughout his life; he is a true asset to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tony Danza upon the occasion of his designation by HeartShare Human Services of New York as the recipient of its 2012 Linda Dano Heart Award on March 22, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tony Danza.