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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Diana Meringolo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 2, 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, Diana Meringolo 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 honor Diana Meringolo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its 75th Anniversary Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Diana Meringolo attended Queen of All Saints and St. Joseph's High School; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Fordham University, her Master of Science in Secondary Education from Richmond College and her Professional Diploma as a Reading Specialist and Supervisor of Reading from St. John's University; she also holds certification in Administration and Supervision through Fordham; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo has had extensive experience on the elementary school level; she began her teaching career in Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, where she spent two years teaching grade six; and

WHEREAS, After one year in the business world, Diana Meringolo returned to her first love, teaching, at Our Lady of Angels School; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo spent 29 years at Our Lady of Angels School as a teacher of sixth, seventh and eighth grade social studies, math and science; and

WHEREAS, While at Our Lady of Angels School, Diana Meringolo created remedial programs in reading, mathematics and writing skills for grades 3 to 8, based on NYS Competency Exams; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo also delivered a one hour presentation entitled "Learning Strategies in Group Problem Solving" and appeared in a video on math skills for P.F. Collier Educational Services; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable educator created and delivered a one hour presentation on diocesan television for teachers entitled "Cooperative Learning: A Balanced Approach" and participated in a diocesan video as a math teacher for presentations to business leaders to promote Catholic Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Diana Meringolo was named Principal of Resurrection School, where she served for four years; and

WHEREAS, At Resurrection, Diana Meringolo wrote and received a technology grant, allowing the school to access the internet and simultaneously achieved a Middle States goal two years ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, As principal of Resurrection School, Diana Meringolo reinstated a language program and music program that included a highly successful band; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Diana Meringolo was asked to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction/Advisory Governance Structures in the Diocesan Education Office, where she remained for two years; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Diana Meringolo was named Principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School, a position she holds today; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo 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, At Our Lady of Guadalupe, Diana Meringolo is a member of the Pastor Advisory Board and an Extraordinary Minister of Communion; and

WHEREAS, Diana Meringolo has received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for Excellence in Teaching, Educator of the Year (twice) by the

Association of Teachers of New York and was nominated for Who's Who in American Teachers four times by her students; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Diana Meringolo was recognized with Principal of the Year by Our News, a local community newspaper; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Diana Meringolo is a member of NCEA, ASCD, CSSANYs, Kappa Gamma Pi and Kappa Delta Pi; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Diana Meringolo 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 Diana Meringolo has displayed throughout her life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Diana Meringolo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 2, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diana Meringolo.