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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mary Calarco-Smith upon the occasion of being designated an Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of Genesee County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment that provide opportunities to celebrate their rich ethnic flavor and which strive to preserve their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mary Calarco-Smith upon the occasion of being designated an Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of Genesee County, to be celebrated at the 29th Annual Paolo Busti Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Terry Hills Restaurant in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Calarco-Smith's accomplishments include both personal and professional service to community, church, and family; her life reflects the core values and heritage of which the Paolo Busti Foundation is based; and

WHEREAS, The second of five children, Mary Calarco was born in Batavia, New York, where she still resides, dedicating herself to family, work, church and volunteering; a 1966 graduate of Notre Dame High School, she continued her education at the former Bryant and Stratton Business Institute of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Mary Calarco married James F. Smith with whom she had four children; as her children entered school, she immediately became involved with their education, after school activities, and for many years, she Chaired the former Batavia Pageant of Bands; and

WHEREAS, Mary Calarco-Smith received the Service to Mankind Award in

2001, the highest award the Batavia Sertoma Club bestows upon a member of the community for demonstrating outstanding leadership in the field of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime member of Resurrection Parish, Mary Calarco-Smith's faith and church have always been an integral part of her life; she now serves as an Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan of the Church, and belongs to St. Joseph's Sodality, as well as St. Padre Pio Altar and Rosary Society; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Mary Calarco-Smith is a member of St. Jerome Guild, and has served as Treasurer for four years; in 1982, she began volunteering for UMMC Hospital League, and has been the organization's Co-President since 2010; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mary Calarco-Smith was on the Paolo Busti Board of Directors, served on their Scholarship Committee, and has been involved with the Meals on Wheels Program for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, When she is not involved with her many family and volunteer activities, Mary works with her husband in the growth and development of their funeral home business; she continues to work as office manager of the H.E. Turner & Co., Bohm-Calar co-Smith, and the Burdett & Sanford Funeral Homes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, James, with her throughout have been her children, Jason (Lori), Justin (Elizabeth), Joshua (Kristin), and Jenna (Mark), and eight grandchildren, Megan, Matthew, Madeline, Noah, Nicolas, Caleb, Brendan and Gabriella, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 commend Mary Calarco-Smith upon the occasion of being designated an

Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of
Genesee County; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be trans-
mitted to Mary Calarco-Smith.