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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Donna A. Zaccaro, Director and Producer of "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way," for her numerous accomplishments, extraordinary achievements in her profession, and service to her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession, bringing entertainment and cultural enrichment to their community and to the citizens of the great State of New York; and
WHEREAS, The arts are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and
WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Donna A. Zaccaro, Director and Producer of "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way," for her numerous accomplishments, extraordinary achievements in her profession, and service to her community; and
WHEREAS, Donna A. Zaccaro, the daughter of the late Geraldine Ferraro, directed and produced "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way," a feature-length documentary which tells a number of stories: the principal story is the life of political trailblazer Geraldine Ferraro and the impact she had on American culture and politics; there is, in addition, the very American story of a child of immigrants rising out of poverty through education to unimaginable achievements; and
WHEREAS, The film depicts the struggles of women in this country to achieve success, and what it takes for women to be considered equals to men, including the personal costs involved; furthermore, there is also the love story between Geraldine Ferraro and her husband, John Zaccaro, and how critical his untraditional and unwavering support of his wife was to her being able to even attempt the professional and personal

challenges she faced; and

WHEREAS, The film will be screened at The Egg in Albany, New York, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Donna A. Zaccaro's primary intent in directing and producing the documentary was to preserve her mother's legacy while, at the same time, share the lessons of her life in the hope of inspiring others to greater achievement in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Ferraro famously stated, "I stand before you to proclaim tonight: America is the land where dreams can come true for all of us."; today's young women will now know through Donna A. Zaccaro's documentary how her pioneering roles have impacted their lives; and

WHEREAS, Donna A. Zaccaro is the Founder and President of Dazzling Media, a New York-based media production company; and

WHEREAS, Prior to directing and producing "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way," Donna A. Zaccaro was a longtime, award-winning producer for the "Today" show; she has also had careers in politics on campaigns for her mother; in public affairs at the Bedford Kent Group, a marketing and communications firm she co-founded; and investment banking at Salomon Brothers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, she serves on the Board of Trustees at Grace Church School, an independent school in New York City; and was President of WhatGoesAround.org (WGA), a nonprofit, on-line charitable giving site; and

WHEREAS, Donna Zaccaro, whose mother was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 1998, and ultimately succumbed to it in 2011, has also served on the Board of Directors of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) and taken an active role in MMRF Laugh for Life: New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Donna A. Zaccaro, Director and Producer of "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way," her numerous accomplishments, extraordinary achievements in her profession, and service to her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Donna A. Zaccaro.