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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of The Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Capital Region Italian American Bar Association on March 19, 2015

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

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, It is the sense 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 commend The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of The Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award by the Capital Region Italian American Bar Association to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the Rotterdam Elks Lodge, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Victoria A. Graffeo was born in Rockville Centre, New York, in 1952; today, she resides in Guilderland, New York; and

WHEREAS, Victoria A. Graffeo was educated in both the Schenectady and Guilderland public school systems; prior to receiving her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School of Union University in 1977, she graduated from the State University of New York at Oneonta in 1974; and

WHEREAS, From 1978-1982, Victoria A. Graffeo engaged in private practice, and then entered government service as an Assistant Counsel to the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Victoria A. Graffeo began her work in the New York State Legislature as counsel to several members, serving in this capacity for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1995, Victoria A. Graffeo was appointed Solicitor General for the State of New York; she held this position until September of 1996, when she was selected to fill a vacancy in the State Supreme Court, Third Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, A few months later, The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo was elected to a full term as Justice of the State Supreme Court; in March 1998, she held the distinguished position of Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department; and

WHEREAS, On November 29, 2000, The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo's appointment to the Court of Appeals was confirmed; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of The Honorable Anthony V. Cardona Award

by the Capital Region Italian American Bar Association on March 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo.