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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Salvatore F. Girgenti upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Kings County American Legion on April 12, 2015

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, Salvatore F. Girgenti has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Salvatore F. Girgenti upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Kings County American Legion, to be celebrated at its Annual Baseball Banquet Dinner and Journal on Sunday, April 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Salvatore F. Girgenti has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, New York, Salvatore F. Girgenti served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Air Force Reserves 106th Air Rescue Unit, during which time he learned the value of hard work, dedication and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the reserves, Salvatore F. Girgenti returned home to his family in Dyker Heights where he joined his father in the family business of selling real estate; and

WHEREAS, Today, Salvatore F. Girgenti continues to own and operate Ben Bay Realty Co., which is in its 61st year of operation; this once small family business has grown to include two more locations, Ben Bay Realty Co. of Bay Ridge and Ben Bay Realty Co. of Marine Park; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Salvatore F. Girgenti's charitable

contributions began in the early 1980s when he made an appearance on the renowned Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association; he has also been a longtime supporter of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; and WHEREAS, Active within his community, Salvatore F. Girgenti is an avid supporter of such local charities as Pietro's Fight and Frankie's Mission, receiving a Certificate of Merit on behalf of Frankie's Mission in recognition of his steadfast support in the fight against pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, With an unwavering commitment to the Brooklyn community as well as his Italian Heritage, Salvatore F. Girgenti was honored with the Distinguished Italian-American Award from the Federation of Italian-American Organizations in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Salvatore F. Girgenti has served as a Community Board 10 Member and has been a long-standing member of the Kiwanis Club; he received the Kiwanian of the Year Award in 2012, and became an Anton J. Kaiser Foundation Fellow in 2014; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Salvatore F. Girgenti proudly supports the American Legion Baseball League and has participated in countless golf charity events; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Salvatore F. Girgenti has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Celeste, their three beautiful daughters, Jeanine, Diana and Christina, and their four amazing grandchildren, Justin, Ava, Henry and Zachary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Salvatore F. Girgenti has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals 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 Salvatore F. Girgenti upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Kings County American Legion on April 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Salvatore F. Girgenti.