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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tony and Gina Argento upon the occasion of being named 2015 Gala Honorees by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn

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, Tony and Gina Argento have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tony and Gina Argento upon the occasion of being named 2015 Gala Honorees by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn, to be celebrated at its 38th Annual Fundraising Gala on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Tony and Gina Argento have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Tony Argento bought and renovated a movie theater and began a company named Broadway Stages; and

WHEREAS, Today, after three decades in the film business, the Argentos have more than half a million square feet of space covering 24 stages and ancillary spaces; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Tony and Gina Argento, Broadway Stages has earned a golden reputation with major television networks as well as with the largest movie studios in the world; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed company is home to such renowned television series as "The Good Wife", CBS; "Royal Pains", USA; "Blue Bloods", CBS; "Smash", NBC; "Deception", NBC; and "Golden Boy", WB; and

WHEREAS, In addition to making a profound impact on film production in New York City, Tony and Gina Argento strive to make Brooklyn a better place to live and work, dedicating themselves entirely to the community; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to protecting our planet, Tony and Gina Argento are responsible for creating the first organic rooftop garden, building the largest solar rooftop panel project in New York City, and organizing community cleanups of an ecologically-condemned site during Earth Week; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Argentos have tirelessly supported local school programs and sponsored countless neighborhood street fairs; they were also instrumental in covering rooftops throughout the city with energy efficient coatings during NYC Climate Week in support of the Energy Conservation "Cool Roofs" initiative; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tony and Gina Argento have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Tony and Gina Argento have displayed throughout their lives; 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 honor Tony and Gina Argento upon the occasion of being named 2015 Gala Honorees by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brook-

lyn, and to wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Tony and Gina Argento.