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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Fodera Family 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, The Fodera Family 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 the Fodera Family 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, The Foderas 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, Roseann and Richard Fodera, along with their children, Ariana, Alessandra and Richard John II, are lifelong residents of Brooklyn, New York; Roseann and Richard both attended Fordham University where Roseann earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Sociology and Richard received a Bachelor's degree in Economics; and

WHEREAS, Upon their graduation, together the couple went on to attend Brooklyn Law School, during which time they were married in June of 1987; Richard received his Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law in 1988, and Roseann her Juris Doctor in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Richard Fodera began his illustrious career as a Law Clerk at Kirk, O'Connell and Stark while attending Brooklyn Law School; he

remained at the firm upon passing the Bar and began practicing as a Trial Attorney; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Richard Fodera was appointed Attorney of Record at the firm and is now a Partner in the Law Offices of Harris, King, Fodera & Correia, the successor to Kirk, O'Connell and Stark; he practices in the areas of general and automobile liability, as well as construction/worksite accidents and product liability; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Brooklyn Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Bay Ridge Lawyers Association and Columbian Lawyers Association, Richard Fodera also serves on the Kings County Supreme Court Civil Forum, where select attorneys join the Administrative Judge to deal with complex legal and procedural issues; and

WHEREAS, Roseann Fodera began her career as a law clerk at Wingate & Cullen while attending Brooklyn Law School; upon passing the Bar she began practicing at the Law Office of Gregory Messer, Trustee, specializing in Bankruptcy Law and Real Estate transactions; she has been a member of Bay Ridge Lawyers Association and the Brooklyn Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast dedication to her community, Roseann Fodera is an active and supportive Visitation Academy and Fontbonne Hall Academy alumna; she has served on Visitation Academy's Mother's Club Board of Directors in various capacities for more than eight years while her daughters were in attendance at the Academy; she was also designated as the 2010 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Honorary Survivor; and

WHEREAS, The Fodera children have each established a high standard of academic excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, Ariana Fodera is currently in her second year at New York Law School; she earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Fordham University in 2013, during which time she was the recipient of the Father McShane Community Service Award for her dedication to Peer Health

Exchange and City Squash groups which provided health classes and tutoring services to underserved inner city public schools; and

WHEREAS, Currently in her third year at Georgetown University, Alessandra Fodera is a Pre-Med student concentrating in Public Health; she is a member of the Varsity Men's Crew Team, she volunteers in the pediatric unit of Medstar Georgetown Hospital and is employed by the Dean of International Programming at Georgetown Medical School; in addition, she was recently accepted as an early action candidate to University of Toledo Medical School; and

WHEREAS, An avid basketball player, Richard John Fodera II is currently in eighth grade at Genesis at Xaverian; he looks forward to graduation in June, and will be attending Xavier High School in the fall as a member of the Class of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the Foderas 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 the Fodera Family upon the occasion of being named 2015 Gala Honorees by the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn, 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 transmitted to the Fodera Family.