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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Danielle Gerald-Samara upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame on May 6, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Danielle Gerald-Samara upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy, an all-girls, private, Roman Catholic high school in Brooklyn, New York, was established in 1937, by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and is located within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Gerald-Samara, the daughter of Joseph and Angel Gerald, was born and raised in Brooklyn, and is a 1994 graduate of Fontbonne Hall Academy; while a student at the Academy, she was a participant in many extra-curricular activities, including Religious Activities, and Student Activities Council (SAC), where she held the positions of Sophomore Representative, Social Chairperson, and School President; and

WHEREAS, Valedictorian of her class, Danielle Gerald-Samara was inducted into the National Honor Society, and was the recipient of the General Excellence Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Danielle Gerald-Samara attended Georgetown University, receiving her Bachelor's degree in Biology and a dual minor in Philosophy and Theology; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Gerald-Samara returned to her alma mater to teach biology, chemistry and AP biology for the 1998-1999 school year; she then was employed at the State University of New York at Syracuse Medical School from 1999-2003; and

WHEREAS, From 2003-2004, Danielle Gerald-Samara served her internship in internal medicine at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn; she then completed her residency in neurology at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Danielle Gerald-Samara was selected to the position of Chief Resident, a title she held from 2006-2007; she then completed a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at Mount Sinai Hospital in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Today, Danielle Gerald-Samara practices general neurology with a focus on neuromuscular disease and electromyography at the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn; she is in the midst of spearheading the second officially designated neuropathy clinic in all of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Ibrahim Samara, and her two daughters, Jenine and Lilianne, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Danielle Gerald-Samara upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame; and be it further

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

mitted to Danielle Gerald-Samara.