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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese for special honor by the Richmond County Bar Association in recognition of his numerous contributions to society and the exemplary example he has set for others

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in commending individuals who have tirelessly demonstrated true purpose and high moral integrity, and whose accomplishments display an enduring pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to commend The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese for special honor by the Richmond County Bar Association in recognition of his numerous contributions to society and the exemplary example he has set for others; and

WHEREAS, The stellar accomplishments of Associate Justice Joseph J. Maltese will be celebrated at the Richmond County Bar Association's 106th Anniversary Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Maltese graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice receiving a Juris Doctor from New York Law School, and further demonstrated a firm commitment to his ambitions by subsequently earning Master's degrees from New York University, Touro College, and National Judicial College of Nevada, as well as a Doctor of Philosophy at University of Nevada at Reno; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man proudly served his country for over 30 years as a member of the United States Army Reserves, achieving the esteemed rank of Brigadier General in the New York Guard, Officer of the United States Army JAG Corps, and as Military Judge for the United States Army Trial Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese began his exceptional legal

career in 1974 with the Appellate Division, and Second Department as Mental Hygiene Legal Service counsel, before going on to practice law privately for 15 years; he was then elected to Civil Court in 1991, Criminal Court in 1992, and appointed to the State Court of Claims in 1996, where he acted as Supreme Court Justice on Staten Island prior to being elected to the position; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese's contributions to society are not limited to the court room for he shares his vast empirical knowledge as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School, teaching courses on product liability and mass torts, and also educates Judges in scientific evidence at the National Judicial College and at the New York State Judicial Institute; and

WHEREAS, On January 17, 2014, The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese was deservedly appointed to the highly esteemed state Appellate Court by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; 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 commend The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese for special honor by the Richmond County Bar Association in recognition of his numerous contributions to society and the exemplary example he has set for others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Joseph J. Maltese.