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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Theodore J. Ghorra upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Verrazano

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Theodore J. Ghorra upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Verrazano to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is dedicated to the development of fellowship and understanding among business and professional leaders, the promotion of community-betterment endeavors and of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Dinner Dance the Rotary Club of Verrazano proudly honors individuals who exemplify these principles; Theodore J. Ghorra truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn native, Theodore J. Ghorra attended Xaverian High School, and completed his bachelors degree at St. John's University, before receiving his Juris Doctorate at Brooklyn Law School; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Theodore J. Ghorra is employed as Counsel with Nixon Peabody LLP, where he regularly represents public and private companies in corporate, capital markets and finance related matters; and

WHEREAS, Theodore J. Ghorra has been repeatedly named a New York Super Lawyer, and was recognized by SUPER LAWYER MAGAZINE as a Rising Star in the field of securities and corporate finance; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Theodore J. Ghorra has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has volunteered at the Guild For Exceptional Children, Toys for Tots, Ronald McDonald House, and for the Sloan-Kettering Children's Christmas Drive; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996, Theodore J. Ghorra has donated palms at Easter, Christmas Trees, and other holiday flowers to multiple local churches; he is also the founder of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and fundraiser for St. Anselm's Church, and organized the planting of four curbside trees at St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Theodore J. Ghorra was instrumental in fundraisers to benefit Targeted Use Proceeds which helped purchase over 30 educational tablets for students, completed upgrades to school Wi-Fi and other technologies, and funded the Literacy Program; and

WHEREAS, An avid supporter of youth athletics, Theodore J. Ghorra coaches the boys and girls swim team of St. Anselm's OLA, and recently sponsored a day of swim team clinics for swimmers and their families; he has also coached his son's baseball team and two of his daughters' softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Theodore J. Ghorra has provided legal services pro bono in such areas as Catholic Education, healthcare, and the arts, and has worked tirelessly through the Safe Harbor Clinic to secure refugee asylum for a Burmese family forced to flee their native country; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Theodore J. Ghorra has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Theodore J. Ghorra upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Verrazano; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theodore J. Ghorra.