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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Patricia Meschino for her eminent work as an American Journalist

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay just tribute to those whose creative talents and commitment to the arts contribute to the enrichment of their community and the world, and to pay homage to a woman whose life of artistic accomplishment stands out as an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Patricia Meschino for her eminent work as an American Journalist; and

WHEREAS, American Journalist Patricia Meschino has covered the reggae beat for more than 20 years, traveling throughout the United States and Jamaica regularly to report on everything from emerging trends to live shows and album launches; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Rhode Island, a region which has had a vibrant reggae colony since the 1970s, Patricia Meschino moved to New York City when she was 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Meschino began her illustrious career in 1991, the heyday of major label involvement with reggae and dancehall; her first publication was with Reggae Report magazine, a monthly Miami magazine; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, Patricia Meschino has written for The Source, Vibe, The Village Voice, Jamrock and Billboard magazines; she had a long association with SkyWritings, from 1996 to 2010, and worked with BobMarley.com, the official Marley family website; and

WHEREAS, With a deep and sophisticated appreciation of, respect for, and knowledge of Jamaican music, especially reggae-dancehall, Patricia Meschino is currently a reggae writer for Billboard magazine; her work

with Billboard includes features on new albums and the 20th Anniversary of Reggae Sumfest; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as a journalist, Patricia Meschino has served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Patricia Meschino; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Patricia Meschino for her eminent work as an American Journalist; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Meschino.