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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michael Dennis De Luca upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Associazione Culturale Pugliese Figli Maria S.S. Addolorata on June 18, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michael Dennis De Luca upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Associazione Culturale Pugliese Figli Maria S.S. Addolorata, to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Gala on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Michael D. De Luca has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Michael D. De Luca attended Xavier High School; after high school, he attended the American McAllister Institute of Funeral Services; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Michael D. De Luca has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Michael D. De Luca has been a faithful congregant of St. Athanasius Church in Brooklyn, where he has served in

many capacities; he has served as a lector, and participates on the Board of Directors at St. Athanasius Academy; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected by many, Michael D. De Luca held the position of Chairman of the Parishes' 75th, 90th and 100th Anniversary events and helped raise significant funds for the Generations of Faith Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to both his community and the Catholic faith, Michael D. De Luca is a vital participant of several religious organizations including Catholic Charities, the Bishops Coat of Arms and Honor, and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael D. De Luca is a 4th degree member of Joseph B. Cavallaro Knights of Columbus and belongs to the Bensonhurst Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Michael D. De Luca has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 43 years, Frances Picone; his two daughters, Victoria Fitzgerald and Virginia Markovich; and five grandchildren, Andrew, Michael, Olivia, Luke and Harper, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michael D. De Luca has displayed throughout his life; 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 commend Michael Dennis De Luca upon the occasion of his designation for

special recognition by the Associazione Culturale Pugliese Figli Maria  
S.S. Addolorata on June 18, 2016; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Dennis De Luca.