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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Tramutola Family upon the occasion of their induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, The Tramutola Family have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Tramutola Family upon the occasion of their induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tramutola Family have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, The late Margaret Sabella Tramutola attended Fontbonne Hall Academy from 1943 to 1947; after graduation, she worked at Met Life until she met the love of her life, John; together, they raised six children and were blessed with 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John Tramutola was a police officer before going into the family produce business and subsequently founding A & J Produce; John is known for donating to a vast number of charitable causes and was recently honored by a Jewish camp for his continued generosity; retired from the family business, he enjoys being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John Tramutola and his partner Al founded A & J Produce in 1977; the organization operates out of the Hunts Point Market in the

Bronx and has been recognized as one of the top wholesale distributors of the finest quality produce in the New York metro area for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, A & J Produce sells the highest quality fruits and vegetables from growers around the United States, South America and throughout the world; their customers include other wholesalers, retailers, hotels, gourmet stores, restaurants and purveyors of fine fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, The company is unique because it is a wholesale produce business that includes three generations; each of the six Tramutola children is unique and adds something special to the fabric of the family; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Sabella Tramutola passed away on November 25, 2007; her family wanted to keep her legacy alive at Fontbonne Hall and established a scholarship in her name; and

WHEREAS, With John Tramutola throughout have been his children, Joanne, Carole, Thomas, Jimmy, John Jr., and Margaret, his grandchildren John Thomas, James, Joseph, Jeffrey Jr., Christopher, John Paul, Jennifer, Thomas, James Jr., Alyssa, Stephanie, Amanda, and John Robert III, as well as his great-grandchildren Mia, Robert John and Johna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, The Tramutola Family have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which The Tramutola Family have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Tramutola Family upon the occasion of their induction into Fontbonne Hall Academy's Hall of Fame; and be it further

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

mitted to The Tramutola Family.