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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Angela Gallo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavor, in their community, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Angela Gallo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame on May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Angela Gallo will be honored at the school's Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, to be held at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Brooklyn on Wednesday, May 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future; Brooklyn's Fontbonne Hall Academy has a proud and rich history of providing young women with an educational foundation which is both strong and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy has been a leader in educating young women for more than 71 years; it is a college-preparatory school whose mission is to offer a superior educational program while forming and empowering young women of confidence and compassion; located in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, its students come from southwest Brooklyn, southern Queens and Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, Fontbonne Hall Academy proudly honors outstanding members of the Fontbonne family and community who exemplify and support its mission and whose lives and accomplishments epitomize the character and tenets of the school, inducting them into its Hall of Fame; Angela Gallo truly merits this

high honor; and

WHEREAS, Angela Gallo was born Angela Braccia in Sant'Angelo dei Lombardi, Italy; on December 16, 1961, at the age of eight, she came to the United States with her family and went directly to Brooklyn, where she has lived ever since; and

WHEREAS, Angela attended Our Lady of Peace Elementary School on Carroll Street in Downtown Brooklyn; she then moved on to the Bay Ridge High School College Bound Program; the school, which later became the High School for Telecommunication Arts and Technology, was a single gender school for girls at that time; and

WHEREAS, Angela enjoyed the rigorous coursework in the college bound program, as well as being in an all girls school; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, she was hired by Chase Manhattan Bank, for which she worked from 1972 until 1986; during those 14 years, she advanced through many departments, culminating in a job as Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of Global Banking; in that capacity, Angela was often in charge of presentations and served as an advisor to much of the company's personnel; and

WHEREAS, On November 24, 1973, Angela Braccia married Nick Gallo and, on April 4, 1986, they were blessed by the birth of their daughter Noelle; and

WHEREAS, Angela decided to be a stay-at-home mom in order to be able to spend time with Noelle and to be there to enjoy all of her firsts; when Noelle started school, Angela became involved in the parent associations of Noelle's schools; and

WHEREAS, At PS 229, she served on the Board of the Parent-Teacher Association and, when Noelle moved on to the Genesis School, Angela also moved on to its Board and served on the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Her work drew the attention of the school's administration, and, when Noelle graduated, Angela Gallo was hired by the Director to work in the Genesis school office, a job that she enjoys to this day;

and

WHEREAS, Angela recalls that from the time that Noelle was a little girl, she wanted to go to Fontbonne Hall Academy; in 2000, when Noelle started at Fontbonne, so did Angela; and

WHEREAS, She became very involved in the Ladies Auxiliary, working until late at night wrapping gifts for the Scholarship Dinner; she was also one of the founding members of the Fleur de Lys Committee and has remained involved in both of these events; and

WHEREAS, She has also been involved on the committee for Fontbonne's annual Golf, Tennis and Pool Outing, helping in every way she could, as well as attending the event; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy appreciates all the time and talent Angela Gallo has contributed to the school and is fittingly proud to induct her into its Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding accomplishment are brought to its 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 commend Angela Gallo upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance on May 4, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angela Gallo.