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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Josephine Tardio upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made the success and progress of society their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Josephine Tardio upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America; she will be celebrated at its 46th Annual Scholarship/Charitable Benefit Dinner Dance on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the Chateau Briand, Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America is one of the largest lodges of OSIA in New York State; for 46 years it has demonstrated its commitment to the New Hyde Park, New York, community, promoting education, culture, and charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Tardio is being honored for her demonstrated commitment to advancing the study of the Italian language, an endeavor closely linked with the mission and purpose of Cellini Lodge No. 2206; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Tardio, who received a master's degree in Education from Stony Brook University, SUNY, is an Italian Language teacher and Chairperson of the World Languages Department at New Hyde Park Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, During her productive tenure at New Hyde Park Memorial High School, Josephine Tardio has truly encouraged and integrated Italian language and culture into the life of the school; and

WHEREAS, This creative woman instituted the New Hyde Park Memorial High School Italian Club, and has promoted an annual Italian Poetry Contest, organized student trips to Italy, obtained grants for the Language Department to fund special projects, and piloted and implemented an Advanced Placement Italian class and exam, giving students a firm grounding in the language before embarking on their college careers; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to remaining on the forefront of Italian language instruction and program development, Josephine Tardio is a member of both local and national chapters of the American Associations of Teachers of Italian, Long Island Language Teachers, New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, and Foreign Language Association of Chairpersons and Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Josephine Tardio has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Josephine Tardio upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Cellini Lodge No. 2206, Order Sons of Italy in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Josephine Tardio.