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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Minister Natalia Quintavalle, Consul General of Italy to New York, 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 of 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 Minister Natalia Quintavalle, Consul General of Italy to New York, 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, Minister Natalia Quintavalle is being recognized by this esteemed association for her outstanding collaborative efforts with the Italian Cultural and Heritage Committee of New York, Inc., an organization long supported by Cellini Lodge No. 2206; and

WHEREAS, Minister Natalia Quintavalle, Consul General of Italy to New York since 2011, is the first woman to be appointed to this prestigious post; she is responsible for the promotion of the economic and cultural interests of Italy in New York State, as well as seeing to the social and administrative needs of Italian citizens in the New York region; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pietrasanta, Italy, and educated at the University of

Pisa, Minister Natalia Quintavalle entered the Italian Diplomatic Corps in 1986, and has had a distinguished diplomatic career of more than 25 years, notably working actively in defense of human rights; and WHEREAS, Minister Natalia Quintavalle's previous service includes serving as Consul of Italy in Toulouse, France, and First Secretary at the Italian Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; just prior to her position as Consul General of Italy to New York, she worked as First Commercial Counselor of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Minister Natalia Quintavalle has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Minister Natalia Quintavalle, Consul General of Italy to New York, 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 Minister Natalia Quintavalle.