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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Barbieri Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award on April 22, 2014

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Barbieri Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award, to be celebrated at the 2nd Annual Sister Maureen Joyce Center Dinner on April 22, 2014, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

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 Barbieri Family has 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, The Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award is given annually to persons, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated commitment to the spirit of the Sister Maureen Joyce Center through their outreach or advocacy on behalf of the poor and vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Charlie Barbieri, with the help of their family, transformed the empty lot next to the Sister Maureen Joyce Center into the Garden of Feed'n; the garden is providing vegetables, beauty, and inspiration to those who visit and work at the soup kitchen, as well as

the people within the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael and Charlie Barbieri are raising 20 laying hens to provide fresh eggs to the community and all proceeds are being donated to the soup kitchen; and

WHEREAS, With the continued encouragement of their parents, Bob and Maria Barbieri, who also regularly contribute to the mission of the Sister Maureen Joyce Center, Michael and Charlie Barbieri are truly making a difference to the underserved within the local community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Barbieri Family has 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 Barbieri Family have displayed throughout their lives; 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 honor the Barbieri Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Barbieri Family.