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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jessica and Louis Mantia upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Partners in Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Jessica and Louis Mantia have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jessica and Louis Mantia upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Partners in Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, Jessica and Louis Mantia are being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of their outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Staten Island, New York, Jessica and Louis Mantia are the proud parents of three children; and

WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Louis Mantia has worked in the real estate industry, most notably with both Tishman Realty and Construction and Insignia/Edward S. Gordon; he is also the Midtown Leader for Cushman and Wakefield, where he is responsible for more than 30 million square feet of Commercial Investor Property; and

WHEREAS, Louis Mantia is both the former President and a member of the Board of Directors of BOMA/NY; he participates in both the National Association of Power Engineers, and the Building Owners and Managers Association of New York Energy Committees; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Louis Mantia served as the former Chair of both BOMA/NY's International Energy Committee, and the International Government Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Together, Jessica and Louis Mantia have been involved in numerous organizations including BOMA/NY, Covenant House, The Torch Foundation, and Mercy Home; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our 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 honor Jessica and Louis Mantia upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Partners in Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica and Louis Mantia.