

## 2015-K273

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Professor/Cavaliere Philip J. DiNovo upon the occasion of his selection as Honorary Chair by the International Center of the Capital Region

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Professor/Cavaliere Philip J. DiNovo upon the occasion of his selection as Honorary Chair by the International Center of the Capital Region at its 2nd Annual International Food Tasting Festival on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the Linda Auditorium, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, To help recognize Professor/Cavaliere Philip J. DiNovo for his nearly 40 years of dedication to Italian-American culture, The Honorable Vice Consul Comm. Stefano Acunto will be in attendance on behalf of the Consul General of Italy; and

WHEREAS, The International Center of the Capital Region is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting international understanding through fostering cultural exchanges, education, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, A native of Albany, New York, Philip J. DiNovo received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. DiNovo is the founder of the Business Administration Department at Morrisville State College, where he taught for 32 years and served as department chairman for three decades; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Philip J. DiNovo owned and operated DiNovo's

Unique Gift Shop; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born of a proud Italian heritage, Philip J. DiNovo is the founder of the American Italian Heritage Association and the Italian Cultural Center in Utica, New York, as well as the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, the largest of its kind in the East; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Philip J. DiNovo is the President and Executive Director of the American Italian Heritage Association and Museum, and is the editor of its bi-monthly newsletter; he has also authored numerous articles on Italian Americans for the media; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Philip J. DiNovo has been an active member of his parish and has held almost every position available to a lay person in his church; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding service, Philip J. DiNovo was presented with the Faculty of the Year Award twice by his students, and has received many honors from Italian-American organizations and community groups; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, The Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy bestowed upon Philip J. DiNovo the esteemed rank of Cavaliere for his many contributions to Italian-American culture; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Philip J. DiNovo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Philip J. DiNovo has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Professor/Cavaliere Philip J. DiNovo upon the occasion of his selection as Honorary Chair by the International Center of the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Professor/Cavaliere Philip J. DiNovo.