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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Filomena Lombardi upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Filomena Lombardi upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 36th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrate and honor women who are leaders, mentors and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; Filomena Lombardi is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Born in Naples, Italy, Filomena Lombardi immigrated to the United States in 1968; in 1976, her family opened Mamma Lombardi's, the original family pizzeria where Filomena began at a young age to acquire the experience needed to operate a business; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Filomena Lombardi completed her four year degree, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Dowling College; she went on to obtain her CPA, and in 1994, she returned to the family business, acting as CFO; over the past 20 years, she has been instrumental in growing the Lombardi Family Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Filomena Lombardi was diagnosed with an incurable autoimmune disease, Multiple Sclerosis; subsequently, in 2012, she created the Cure Multiple Sclerosis Foundation of New York to help raise awareness and funds for research that will introduce healthier and harmless medical treatments; and

WHEREAS, Also in 2012, Filomena Lombardi opened an adjunct to the Foundation, MS CUREiosity's Closet, a high end consignment boutique in St. James, New York, whose proceeds go to the Foundation; this Boutique has proven to be a community asset, where locals come to shop and learn what Multiple Sclerosis is and how they can help get closer to a cure; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Filomena Lombardi has been instrumental in the creation of the first research study on the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Filomena Lombardi, along with her husband, acquired the Long Island development Rights to a popular California franchise, Jamba Juice, with plans of developing several stores on Long Island; in 2012, their first Jamba Juice storefront opened in Stony Brook, New York, and two years later, another opened in Syosset, New York; and

WHEREAS, In April 2014, Filomena Lombardi opened Farm to Table Catering by Filomena, offering a full menu of fresh local produce which

caters to all tastes and diets; this worthy business caters off premises weddings and other events at a destination location; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, Filomena Lombardi has been a member of the Stony Brook Development Council from

2009 to 2013; in 2012, she served on the search committee for the newly appointed Stony Brook Medicine's CEO; she also serves as trustee on The Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages in Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Filomena Lombardi is a board member of the AHRC Suffolk Foundation, and serves on the Advisory Board for the Center for Cost Effective Government; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, in recognition of her achievements and her dedication to community, Filomena Lombardi was named Woman of the Year in Business by the VILLAGE TIMES HERALD; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Scott, and their two daughters, Victoria and Christina, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Filomena Lombardi upon the occasion of her designation as a 2015 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Filomena Lombardi.