

## 2015-J1816

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Joan Marie Fasanella-Braunfotel upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame on May 6, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Joan Marie Fasanella-Braunfotel upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Gargiulo's Restaurant, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy, an all-girls, private, Roman Catholic high school in Brooklyn, New York, was established in 1937, by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and is located within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, Joan Marie Fasanella-Braunfotel is a 1986 graduate of Fontbonne Hall Academy; while a student at the Academy, she was a member of many extra-curricular activities including dance, skit and volleyball, and Sports Night; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joan Marie Fasanella-Braunfotel held various leadership positions, such as President of her Junior Class, and then School President; an exemplary student, she was inducted into the National Honor Society and was the recipient of a Regents Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the Rose Hill Campus of Fordham University, New York City; she went on to earn her Juris Doctorate in 1994, from Brooklyn Law School; and

WHEREAS, While attending law school, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel was a member of both the Journal of International Law and the Moot Court Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel's law career began in the Kings County District Attorney's Office, where she held the position of Assistant District Attorney; throughout her tenure, she worked on criminal prosecution of cases in the Criminal Court Bureau, Early Case Assessment Bureau, and Investigations Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel also volunteered in the Educational Programs Unit where Assistant District Attorneys are placed in educational institutions to collaborate with teachers and students in an effort to promote safety and justice in schools; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the public sector, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel went on to private practice, specializing in Workers Compensation Law and Social Security Disability, always representing the claimant; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel moved from Brooklyn to New City in Rockland County; she married her husband in 1999, and together they started a family; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel has become an active member of her school district's Parent Teacher Association (PTA); she held the title of PTA co-President of her children's elementary school, and then was elected to the position of President of the Clarks-

town Council of PTAs, where she was responsible for overseeing 15 different school PTA units; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Keith Braunfotel, and her twin sons, Ethan and Matthew, 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 quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Academy Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Marie Fasanelle-Braunfotel.