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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rita Velic upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 5-Diamond Hospitality Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council on May 4, 2016

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 sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, It is also the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rita Velic upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 5-Diamond Hospitality Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council to be celebrated at its 55th Annual Gala, at El Caribe, Brooklyn, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Italian immigrants, Rita Velic was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was raised in Abruzzi, Italy; at the young age of 10, she and her family moved to Brooklyn, New York where she attended PS 253, James J. Reynolds Junior High School which is now known as the Bay Academy and Lincoln High School in District 21; and

WHEREAS, Rita and her husband, Roger Velic settled in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, where they raised their three children who attended elementary school at PS 199; her son went on to attend Rachel Carson

High School where Rita served as its first PTA president; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Rita Velic began her long career at PS 199 as a school aide; in 2003, she was promoted to the title of Parent Coordinator, a position she continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, Known for her incredible work ethic and exemplary communication skills, Rita Velic is an invaluable asset to the entire community; she takes great pride in knowing every student and parent from the school; and

WHEREAS, In her role as Parent Coordinator, Rita Velic greets students and parents during morning arrivals, supports parents throughout the day, and manages the Midwood Development Corporation after school program; and

WHEREAS, When Rita Velic is not working, she enjoys traveling to Italy, the Bahamas and Las Vegas with her relatives, and cooking traditional Italian meals for her large family at home and for her family at PS 199; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable parent has brought great credit upon herself by continually demonstrating an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm on behalf of the public school educational community in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rita Velic has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of the Administration, teachers, and staff of the school she has been a part of for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rita Velic upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of

the 2016 5-Diamond Hospitality Award by the Bensonhurst West End Community Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rita Velic.