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Senate Resolution No. 4732

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Patie Nastro-Ventre upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Oscar Award by the Bay Improvement Group (BIG) on April 19, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Patie Nastro-Ventre upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Oscar Award by the Bay Improvement Group (BIG) to be celebrated at its Awards Dinner for Distinguished Community Service on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Il Fornetto in Sheepshead Bay, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award recognizes those individuals who serve and contribute to the Brooklyn community; Patie Nastro-Ventre is truly deserving of this commendation; and

WHEREAS, Patie Nastro-Ventre was born in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, where she attended grammar school at Our Lady of Guadalupe; she earned her Bachelor in Fine Arts degree from NYU Washington Square, and her Bachelor in Fine Arts Graphic Design from Parsons School of Design; she furthered her education by taking graduate classes at Columbia

University, St. Johns University, and Touro College; and

WHEREAS, A talented performer, Patie Nastro-Ventre was a roller skating champion in pairs and dance from the young age of nine to 20 years-old; during her 30s, she was an International Ballroom dance champion representing dance studios such as Fred Astaire and Arthur Murray in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Patie Nastro-Ventre, and her family moved to Sheepshead Bay, where they have lived ever since; and

WHEREAS, Patie Nastro-Ventre became a member of the Brooklyn Yacht Club in 1985; for the next 15 years, she served as Fleet Captain, winning awards for the Club in United Inter Yacht Club Blessing of the Fleet Competitions; from 2000-2006, she held the title of Commander of United Inter Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Patie Nastro-Ventre joined the Hudson River Yacht Club at the invitation of the Commodore as the first woman member of this over 100 year-old Club; today, she is the Club's only female boat captain; and

WHEREAS, From 1977-1986, Patie Nastro-Ventre owned and operated Tankoos & Ventre Advertising Agency; she then owned Ventre Advertising Inc., a global elite business to business ad agency/PR firm; and

WHEREAS, Patie Nastro-Ventre created WCFO, LLC in 1999; it was founded to globally promote the joys and fun of responsible pet ownership through musical canine freestyle, both as a sport and an

entertainment medium; some day, she hopes to compete in the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, From this corporation came the World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO, INC.) which was created to govern the sport of dancing with dogs worldwide; it is the only organization to achieve 501(c)(3) public charity status in the world of dog/people sports; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with WCFO, INC., Patie Nastro-Ventre returned to her alma mater, Our Lady of Guadalupe, in 2006 to teach technology, a position she would hold for seven years; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband and their son, both of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Patie Nastro-Ventre upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Oscar Award by the Bay Improvement Group (BIG); and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patie Nastro-Ventre.