

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rhea McCone upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Rhea McCone upon the occasion of her induction into the Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Academy's Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance, to be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Fontbonne Hall Academy is an all-girls, private, Roman Catholic high school in Brooklyn, New York; it 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 Syracuse, New York, Rhea McCone graduated from Niagara University; she moved to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Rhea McCone began working in the title insurance industry as a title closer and an examiner of the public records at Davoli, McMahon and Kublick, P.C., in Syracuse, New York; after her relocation to Brooklyn, she opened Harbour Abstract Agency, which continues to grow and prosper as the first title agency to open on Third Avenue in Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Currently an officer and past honoree of the Third Avenue Merchants, Rhea McCone is a member of Community Board 10, the New York State Land Title Association and Business Networking International; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rhea McCone formerly served as an advisory board member for St. Anselm's and St. Patrick's schools; she was actively involved in St. Anselm's School and its youth activities and served as Co-President of the Home School Association; in addition, she was recently honored by and continues to support the Guild for Exceptional Children and the Advocates for the Blind and Multi-Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Alumni Association of Niagara University, Rhea McCone also supports the Sisters of Mercy, the Order of St. Augustine and the Society of Jesus; she has served as Journal Chairwoman and Corresponding Secretary of the Emerald Association of Long Island, which supports the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre in the care of orphaned and foster children; and

WHEREAS, Rhea McCone and her husband, Cody, have two daughters, Ciara and Kaeleigh, both graduates of Fontbonne Hall Academy; and

WHEREAS, Rhea McCone has been involved in all of Fontbonne Academy's activities; she has supported the Scholarship Dinner/Fashion Show and the Fleur de Lys Dinner Dance by her presence and donations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rhea McCone has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rhea McCone has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Rhea McCone upon the occasion of her induction into the

Fontbonne Hall Academy Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rhea McCone.