

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Annabella Sciorra upon the occasion of being selected as the 2013 Italian-American Day Honoree

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment that provide opportunities to celebrate their rich ethnic flavor and which strive to preserve their cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Annabella Sciorra upon the occasion of being selected as the 2013 Italian-American Day Honoree; and

WHEREAS, Born Annabella Gloria Philomena Sciorra in Brooklyn, New York, to a housewife mother and a veterinarian father; Annabella Sciorra studied dance as a child and began taking drama lessons as she grew older at Hagen-Berghoff Studio and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, both in New York City; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 1981, at the age of 21, Annabella Sciorra founded the Brass Ring Theater Company; an American film, television, and stage actress with strong Italian roots, she received an Independent Spirit Award nomination for Best Female Lead for the 1989 film "True Love", and came to widespread attention in her co-lead role in Spike Lee's 1991 film "Jungle Fever"; and

WHEREAS, Annabella Sciorra starred in the 1992 thriller "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle", and received critical acclaim for her work in "Cop Land"; she received an Emmy nomination for her role as Gloria Trillo in the HBO series "The Sopranos"; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Annabella Sciorra upon the occasion of being selected as the 2013 Italian-American Day Honoree; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Annabella Sciorra.