LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Patty Macaluso Page upon the occasion of being designated an Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of Genesee County

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 Patty Macaluso Page upon the occasion of being designated an Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of Genesee County, to be celebrated at the 29th Annual Paolo Busti Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at Terry Hills Restaurant in Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Patty Macaluso Page's accomplishments include both personal and professional service to community, church, and family; her life reflects the core values and heritage of which the Paolo Busti Foundation is based; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Peter Macaluso and Lena Forti Macaluso, Patty attended St. Joseph's Church and Holy Family in LeRoy, New York, and subsequently went on to graduate from Notre Dame High School; and

WHEREAS, Patty Macaluso married Dennis Page and together they had two children; when her children entered school, she began her education as well, earning an AAS degree in Human Services from Genesee Community College; and

WHEREAS, Patty Macaluso Page worked for several years at Sunshine Christian Nursery School, before returning to school; she graduated summa cum laude from the University of Brockport with a degree in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, While teaching third grade at Holy Family, Patty Macaluso Page received her Master's in Education from the University of Brockport, and went on to teach second and third grade for a total of 23 years; and

WHEREAS, A member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in LeRoy, New York, Patty Macaluso Page was the recipient of the 2012 Making a Difference Award, an honor established by the late Tim Russert for her years of service to Catholic education; and

WHEREAS, Today, Patty Macaluso Page is actively involved with the Boost Program, a tutoring service for children who have suffered from cancer or other chronic ailments; in addition, she has written a children's book, the first of a series, and is seeking publication; and

WHEREAS, Of all the accomplishments and awards she has received, Patty Macaluso Page is most proud of her family; she credits the support of her husband in all her endeavors, as well as her family, friends, school associates, and administrators for her success; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Dennis, with her throughout have been her children, Alisa and Blair, and four grandchildren, Collin, Carley, Michale, and Emily, 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 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 commend Patty Macaluso Page upon the occasion of being designated an

Outstanding Italian American by the Paolo Busti Cultural Foundation of Genesee County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patty Macaluso Page.