

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Frances T. Vella-Marrone upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Community Leadership Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Frances T. Vella-Marrone, President of Dyker Heights Civic Association, upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Community Leadership Award by the Italian Board of Guardians to be celebrated at its 78th Annual Bishop's Gala on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Italian Board of Guardians, located in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, New York, is a non-profit social services agency, affiliated with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, and a member agency of both United Way of New York City, and the Human Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Since 1936, its mission is dedicated to addressing the social needs of communities and individuals throughout the Greater New York Metropolitan area, regardless of race, gender, age, creed, or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Italian Board of Guardians gratefully acknowledges those who support and work on behalf of its worthy endeavors; a woman of singular distinction, Frances T. Vella-Marrone has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community as well as her profession; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Dyker Heights/Bay Ridge Community, Frances T. Vella-Marrone is a graduate of St. Patrick's Elementary School, Bishop Kearney High School, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, As a civic and political activist for over 30 years, Frances T. Vella-Marrone's career reflects experience in both the public and private sectors; she presently serves as the Brooklyn Director for Congressman Michael Grimm; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frances T. Vella-Marrone has served as Special Assistant to the New York State Senate Majority Leader, Legal Assistant with Connors and Sullivan Attorneys At Law, PLLC, Deputy Director of the Empire Zones Program for the Empire State Development Corporation, and Information Officer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Frances T. Vella-Marrone is a Notary Public who has completed the NYMTC Executive Development Program, successfully meeting the requirements for WMD Response Training (100) with the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Frances T. Vella-Marrone served as the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation Park Warden, appeared as a Citizen Panelist for a WNYC-TV show, co-hosted a Brooklyn Community Access Television Program, served as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee for the Boy Scouts of America local District Committee, and served as Co-Chair of the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast Committee; and

WHEREAS, Today, Frances T. Vella-Marrone has the distinction of being the longest serving President of the Dyker Heights Civic Association, elected 21 times; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Frances T. Vella-Marrone has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Frances T. Vella-Marrone is President of the Dyker Heights Military Postage Fund, member of the Lutheran Medical Center Institutional Review Board, member of Community Board Ten (CB10), Chairwoman of the CB10's Police and Public Safety Committee, past Chairwoman of CB10's Environmental Committee, member of the Cathedral Club, member of the 68 Precinct Council, member of UNICO, Bay Ridge Community Council Delegate, and past President of the Bay Ridge Business and Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, Frances T. Vella-Marrone has been the recipient of numerous awards, some of which include: Bay Ridge Community Council Civic Award, Good Scout Award from the Brooklyn Council Boy Scouts of America, Jim Ryan Award, J. Daniel Mahoney Award, Paul Adams Award, City of New York Parks and Recreation Partner of the Month, Kings County District Attorney Italian Heritage and Culture Month Civic Award, A.M.I.C.O Woman of the Year Award, Kings County District Attorney's Office "Extraordinary Woman" Award, Kiwanian Community Service Award, Civic Leadership Award from Reaching-Out Community Services, Home Reporter News Top Women in Business Award, and Bay Ridge Breakfast for Scouting Community Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and have faithfully served the needs of their community with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Frances T. Vella-Marrone upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the IBG Community Leadership Award by the Italian Board of Guardians on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frances T. Vella-Marrone.