

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Jeannine Ferriola upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth on March 18, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Jeannine Ferriola upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, March 18, 2016, at Sirico's Caterers in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A community based non-profit organization in its 12th year, Bridge to Youth serves the social and physical needs of developmentally disabled children from all five boroughs of New York City; and

WHEREAS, Bridge to Youth allows children and their families to interact with other peers and typically developing teenage volunteers in such sponsored activities as, adaptive physical education, music therapy, art therapy, literacy through cooking, and Zumba; these programs foster new friendships, and improve the children's social skills; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in 1990; for over 25 years, her private practice has been committed to patient education and creating beautiful smiles in her Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola has served as a member of the Second District Dental Society and has served on its Peer Review Committee for several years; she is also a member of the prestigious New York Dental Forum and serves on the Hospitality Committee for the Greater New York Dental Meeting; and

WHEREAS, 20 years ago, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola was diagnosed with breast cancer; as a survivor, she has used her personal experience to help inspire and empower other women facing the challenges associated with the disease; she has counseled and supported several women both during and after their treatments; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mapleton for 15 years, and currently sits on its Board; her involvement with the Club has given her the opportunity to feed the hungry, help raise money for Ronald McDonald House, help children with developmental disabilities at Bridge to Youth, assist women at a local battered woman's shelter, and collect toys at Christmas time for underprivileged children, as well as award scholarships to young girls who have demonstrated the importance of community service in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, In addition, from 2012 to 2013, she served as the President of the Visitation Academy Mothers' Club and was instrumental in raising funds for the school and developing a new early childhood playground for its girls; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Jeannine Ferriola has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Dr. Constantine

Pavlakos, and her two children, Christian and Jessica, both of whom have spent time volunteering at Bridge to Youth; Dr. Jeannine Ferriola's family feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Jeannine Ferriola has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their career, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Jeannine Ferriola upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by Bridge to Youth on March 18, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Jeannine Ferriola.