

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D. has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Auction on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1914, HeartShare Human Services of New York has been making a world of difference in its community as a nonprofit human services agency dedicated to improving the lives of people in need of special services and support by helping these individuals develop to their fullest potential and lead meaningful and enriched lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, A New York City native, Dan Grimaldi is best known for his portrayal of identical twin mobsters, Patsy and Philly Parisi, in the critically acclaimed HBO series, "The Sopranos", for which he received a 2007 Screen Actors Guild Award nomination; in 2008, he and his castmates won Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series and, he received Best Actor in a Dramatic Short Film at The 2016 Atlantic City Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime member of the renowned Actor's Studio, Dan Grimaldi has been committed to the New York City stage in various capacities including, on-Broadway, off-Broadway, repertory, fringe and everything in between; and

WHEREAS, In the past few years, Dan Grimaldi has performed on numerous stages and in many plays including: "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot", "The Jag", "Visiting Hours" and "Shelia and Angelo"; additionally, he starred in various films and shows such as: "The Atlantic Motel", "Pasquale's Magic Veal", "The Mysteries of Laura", "Limitless", and "The Quitter" as well as "Lucky Me"; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lizette Chalela; their two sons, Michael (Melissa) and James (Jade); seven grandchildren, Alexis, Isabella, Michael, Jasper, Giuliana, Jordan and Angelo; brother, Carmine; sister, Louise Rizzuto and his late Aunt Bedi and late brother

Johnny, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D. has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dan Grimaldi, Ph.D.