

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

HONORING Anne Andrianos upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award by the New York Library Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge and honor those dedicated and talented individuals within our midst, who have and continue to inspire our communities through their tireless efforts and their outstanding professional and personal accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accordance with long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anne Andrianos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award by the New York Library Association, celebrated at a presentation on November 7, 2016, at the Onondaga Free Library in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, named after Daniel Casey, known as "Mr. Library" for his tireless advocacy on behalf of libraries at international, national, state, county and local levels, has been given annually to honor a volunteer, member, or a group of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of Library organizations; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award are chosen based on their participation with the New York Library Association and their advocacy for themselves and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, After an arduous year in 2014, the Friends of Onondaga Free Library had a crisis in leadership that left the organization adrift with the possibility of ceasing operations; under Anne Andrianos' luminous leadership, the Friends of Onondaga Free Library has made a dramatic rebound in both their creative activities and monetary gifts to the library; recently they have created and sponsored an abundance of new programming opportunities for patrons, such as a baking competition, artist receptions, and a summer garden concert; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrianos' innovative fund-raising ideas have lead the Onondaga Friends group to significantly expand their efforts in supporting the Onondaga Free Library, including an annual book sale, a shamrock sale which coincides with Irish step dance performances, and a spring geranium sale; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrianos' energy and enthusiasm has attracted new volunteers to the Onondaga Friends group and re-energized current members; since she stepped up as President, Anne has created a new section of the Friends of Onondaga Free Library called the

"Ambassadors," which provides an innovative way for community members to become actively involved with their library and expand the outreach of its programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrianos' support, enthusiasm, and outstanding leadership have been essential to the growth of the Friends of Onondaga Free Library and to the local community; she stands as a positive role model within her community due to her tireless efforts to inspire others and create positive change; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 of the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anne Andrianos upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award by the New York Library Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Andrianos.