

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

HONORING President Diana Grauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Arturo Toscanini Lodge No. 2107 on April 8, 2018

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 those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor President Diana Grauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Arturo Toscanini Lodge No. 2107 at its 58th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the North Ritz Club in Syosset, New York, on Sunday, April 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Domenica "Diana" was born to the late Vito, who emigrated from Bari, Italy, and was a bricklayer and Maria (Volpe) Biasi, who was born in Brooklyn, and was a seamstress; and

WHEREAS, Diana graduated from Babylon High School; upon graduation, she became a private secretary to the owners of Norton and Siegel Real Estate and Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1965, she married the late Thomas Grauer, and settled in Dix Hills, New York; together, they had three children; while raising her family, Diana began her studies at Lewis A. Wilson School of Nursing, and continued at C.W. Post College where she received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing, and obtained her New York State License, which she still holds today; and

WHEREAS, Diana Grauer dedicated 35 years of nursing specializing in Staffing and as a Private Duty Nurse in many local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, While her children were still young, Diana Grauer became a single parent; she went back to school at Berkowitz School of Electrolysis and received her New York State License in Electrolysis; this is when she started her own private business for Electrolysis, and still operates it today; and

WHEREAS, Diana Grauer became involved in the Deer Park Professional Women's Club; in 1987, she was honored as its Woman of the Year for her involvement and dedication; she is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Columbettes and the Saints Cyril and Methodius Senior Club; and

WHEREAS, Proud of her heritage, Diana Grauer joined the Constantino Brumidi Ladies Auxiliary in 1991; after serving in each position on the Executive Board, she became Auxiliary President, serving for a three-year term from 2009-2011; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Diana Grauer joined the Andrea Doria Lodge No. 2201 and became the Recording Secretary in 2012; in addition, she became its liaison for the Long Island Columbus Day Parade, and the liaison for the Alzheimer Committee, the Italian Cultural Festival Committee (until last year), and the District I Chair Queen's Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Diana Grauer joined and has actively been working on the State Golf, Cooley's, and \$100 Raffle Committees; in August of 2013, she transferred to the Arturo Toscanini Lodge No. 2107 and became its Vice President in 2014; in 2016, she assumed the position of President and is now serving her second term as its 24th president; and

WHEREAS, In addition to those state committees, Diana Grauer also accepted being a Lodge Deputy to the Giuseppe Nigro Lodge No. 2234, (2015-2016); and the New York State Chairperson of the Italian Cultural Committee for the Regional Italian Attire project; and

WHEREAS, At the 2017 convention, Diana Grauer was appointed as the New York State Family of the Year Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, Although she is very involved in the Order, Diana Grauer always makes time to enjoy her children, Maureen, Michael, and Kathleen (Janine); and her six grandchildren, Brooke, Connor, Jack, twins Isabelle and Ethan, and Olivia, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Diana Grauer has been a very productive lodge leader and visible representative; she truly exemplifies a role model for all American ladies of Italian Heritage; 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 President Diana Grauer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Arturo Toscanini Lodge No. 2107 on April 8, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diana Grauer.