

BY: Senator MANNION

CONGRATULATING BJ Stasio, former President of The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State (SANYS), upon the occasion of his induction into The Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor the lifetime achievements of those individuals whose generosity, industriousness, and devotion to ideals have brought great benefits to their communities and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate BJ Stasio, former President of SANYS, upon the occasion of his induction into The Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; BJ Stasio is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, The Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame was established to honor those who are making a significant difference in the lives of youth and adults with disabilities through mentoring and to raise awareness about the importance of mentoring for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The public has been invited to nominate individuals and organizations for the Hall of Fame every year; a total of 137 individuals and 17 organizations have been inducted to date; and

WHEREAS, BJ Stasio has been involved with The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, With many admirable qualities, BJ Stasio has acted as a leader within the self-advocacy community, tirelessly giving of his time and energies to promote positive change for two decades; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which BJ Stasio 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 BJ Stasio upon the occasion of his designation for special

recognition, and for the remarkable contributions he has made since joining SANYS and while acting president; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to BJ Stasio.