

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Honorable Joseph G. Golia upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Columbian Lawyers Association - Queens County's Judge of the Year Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud distinguished citizens of the State of New York who devote their life's work to public service, contributing substantially to the judicial process, preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, The Columbian Lawyers Association - Queens County will honor The Honorable Joseph G. Golia at its Annual Judiciary Night, to be held at Leonard's of Great Neck on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, expressing just praise and grateful tribute in extending to him its distinguished Judge of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, After completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from New York University in 1959 and a career as an industrial engineer and consultant for various corporations, Justice Golia decided to go to law school; he graduated from New York Law School in 1965 with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree and began his legal career as a member of the Legal Staff of the Hartford Insurance Group before serving as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Golia was admitted to practice before the New York State bar in 1966; the United States District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York in 1975; the United States Supreme Court in 1979; and the District of Columbia in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Justice Golia was appointed by then Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman as an Associate Justice, Appellate Term, 2nd Department, in 2001; he has also been a Supreme Court Justice in Queens since 1987; and

WHEREAS, Justice Golia also served previously as a Judge in the Civil Court of the City of New York from 1982 to 1986 and as the Principal Law Clerk for The Honorable Bernard Dubin, New York State Supreme Court, 11th Judicial District, from 1973 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, Justice Golia has, in addition, been actively involved in his profession and in his community; he has served as President of the Supreme Court Justices' Association of the City of New York and of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court, State of New York and continues to serve as President of the Queens County Supreme Court Justices' Association, an office he has held since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America, Community Planning Board 7, Daytop Village, CYO Basketball and the St. John's University Council, Bishop's Lay Committee for Charities, USO Board of Directors, Queens County Youth Development Corporation, Queensboro Hill Athletic League and the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association are among the organizations, committees and institutions which have benefited from his involvement and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Justice Golia, a Knight of Malta, has been honored many times; the numerous awards and honors he has received include a Presidential Citation, United States Selective Service Medal, Federation of Italian-American Organizations Man of the Year Award, Catholic Youth Organization Man of the Year Award, Ellis Island Medal of Honor, Boy Scouts of America Certificate of Appreciation and the Columbian Lawyers Association - 1st Department's 2005 Charles A. Rapallo Award and Italian Charities of America's 2007 Christopher Columbus Award; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and prestigious career, Justice Golia has demonstrated strength of purpose and commitment to the maintenance of the

integrity and efficiency of the judicial process serving the citizens of the City and State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Honorable Joseph G. Golia upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Columbian Lawyers Association - Queens County's Judge of the Year Award on April 28, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Joseph G. Golia.