

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring writer, actor, teacher and producer Andrea Ciannavei for her outstanding professional achievements in the field of performing arts

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those gifted individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the cultural enrichment of their community and the entire State of New York; Andrea Ciannavei is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor writer, actor, teacher and producer Andrea Ciannavei for her outstanding professional achievements in the field of performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Ciannavei recently traveled to 10 countries across three continents in three months to conduct interviews and research on human trafficking, sex slavery and other women's empowerment issues to be used for a play created by Marsha Norman that will be presented off-Broadway in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Her plays include "Deep Trees", "The Hard Sell", "7 Captiva Road" and "Pretty Chin Up" which received a development production at LAByrinth Theater Company (Artistic Directors: Philip Seymour Hoffman and John Ortiz) at The Public Theater; TV: Season 2 of Copper (BBC America), Seasons 1- 3 of Borgia (Tom Fontana, Executive Producer, Atlantic Creations SASU); Publications: Pretty Chin Up (Playscripts, Inc.); and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Andrea Ciannavei has produced the Helen Deutsch Writing Workshops: free writing workshops for veterans, wounded warriors and their caregivers in Ohio, Texas, New York, Landstuhl's American Military Hospital, Germany, sponsored by the Writers' Guild Initiative and in partnership with Wounded Warrior Project; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Ciannavei did her undergraduate studies at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts' Dramatic Writing Program and went on to Juilliard's Lila Acheson Playwriting Fellowship, 2008-2010; and

WHEREAS, A proud member of the Writers Guild of America East (WGAE), Andrea Ciannavei has lived in Harlem for 15 years with her partner and her two dogs, Louie and Athena; in her free time, she enjoys biking, running, bikram yoga, skydiving, glass blowing, computer programming and welding; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those talented individuals who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor writer, actor, teacher and producer Andrea Ciannavei for her outstanding professional achievements in the field of performing arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrea Ciannavei.