

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Manni and Dayna Scarso upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. on April 3, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Manni and Dayna Scarso have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Manni and Dayna Scarso upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd., to be celebrated at its 39th Annual Fund Raising Gala on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at El Caribe Country Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Manni and Dayna Scarso have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Manni and Dayna Scarso are the co-founders of Pietro's Fight, an organization they launched to raise awareness and funds for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in 2012, less than one year after their son, Pietro Joseph Scarso, was diagnosed with this fatal genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of this vital organization, Manni and Dayna Scarso have been tirelessly dedicated to fundraising and spreading awareness to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, Manni Scarso is a first generation Italian-American who lived in Brooklyn but spent his summers in Pozzallo, Sicily; as co-founder of Jets.com, a private aviation company, he is one of the industry's fastest growing jet brokers; and

WHEREAS, A Brooklyn-born native, Dayna Scarso grew up with a love and talent for dance, performing commercially, off-Broadway and with MTV at their national studios; she graduated from NYU with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Photography, and began her illustrious career as head of the human resource department for Century 21 Department Stores, where she spent 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Dayna Scarso is currently a full-time wife, mother, sister and friend, and serves as class mom within her son's schools; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Manni and Dayna Scarso have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their steadfast and unremitting advocacy for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Manni and Dayna Scarso support countless other foundations within their community, teaching their sons the importance of doing good, helping others, and that it is always better to give than to receive; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their two sons, Pietro Joseph and Nico Antonio, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Manni and Dayna Scarso have displayed throughout their lives; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Manni and Dayna Scarso upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Federation of Italian-American Organizations

of Brooklyn, Ltd. on April 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Manni and Dayna Scarso.