

BY: Senator ADDABBO

CONGRATULATING John Diorio upon the occasion of his retirement after 59 years of dedicated service to Archbishop Molloy High School

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those dedicated professionals, who strive to enhance the quality of education for our students, and whose character, accomplishments and community contributions inspire all citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of Archbishop Molloy High School is due in large part to the efforts of John Diorio; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate John Diorio upon the occasion of his retirement after 59 years of dedicated service to Archbishop Molloy High School, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John Diorio taught government and economics for nearly six decades at Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, Queens; and

WHEREAS, Even before beginning his long and distinguished teaching career, John Diorio was passionately interested in government, serving as a staff member for then-Congressman John Lindsay, who was later elected the Mayor of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, John Diorio then served as the Mayor's legislative assistant prior to embarking on a teaching career, where his continuing love of government and politics made him instrumental in developing the American Government course for the senior curriculum; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he moderated the Political Science Club from 1968 to 1995, helping his students to develop an interest in the operations of their government on all levels; and

WHEREAS, John Diorio began his illustrious career at Archbishop Molloy High School as a history teacher; he continued to use his classroom chalkboard as his most important teaching tool, rather than embracing most new technology, for his entire tenure; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his students, John Diorio often brought guest lecturers into his classroom, including the late Governor Mario M. Cuomo and late United States Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo, Sr., to speak to students about government and politics; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man considers his 59 years of teaching and mentoring his life's crowning achievement; and

WHEREAS, As a knowledgeable and highly skilled teacher, John Diorio has improved the quality of education at Archbishop Molloy High School by leading and supporting staff with enthusiasm, cultivating a positive and stimulating school environment for his students, and creating a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The Queens community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, John Diorio has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Archbishop Molloy High School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as an educator, John Diorio leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of Archbishop Molloy High School and to the residents of the Queens community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate John Diorio upon the occasion of his retirement after 59 years of dedicated service to Archbishop Molloy High School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Diorio.