

BY: Senator ADDABBO

COMMENDING Joe Girardi upon the occasion of being selected as an honoree for this year's Italian American Day on June 3, 2019

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joe Girardi upon the occasion of being selected as an honoree for this year's Italian American Day to be celebrated on Monday, June 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born to Angela and Jerry Girardi, on October 14, 1964, in Peoria, Illinois, Joe Girardi is a former professional baseball catcher and manager; he played in Major League Baseball (MLB) for the Chicago Cubs, the Colorado Rockies, the New York Yankees, and the St. Louis Cardinals; during his 15-year playing career, he won three World Series Championships with the Yankees in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, After his last appearance playing for the St. Louis Cardinals on September 28, 2003, Joe Girardi became a manager; in 2006, he was named National League Manager of the Year for his work with the Florida Marlins; and

WHEREAS, From 2008-2017, Joe Girardi managed the New York Yankees; in this capacity, he led the team to a 2009 World Series Championship, and a regular season record of 910 wins, and a post season record of 28 wins; and

WHEREAS, Today, Joe Girardi remains involved with the sport he loves as an analyst for MLB Network and Fox Sports; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Joe Girardi lives with his wife, Kim Innocenzi-Girardi and their three children in Purchase, New York; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Joe Girardi upon the occasion of being selected as an honoree for this year's Italian American Day on June 3, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joe Girardi.