

BY: Senator BIAGGI

MOURNING the death of Richard J. Naclerio,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his
community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Richard J. Naclerio was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Richard J. Naclerio, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Naclerio of Pelham Manor, New York, died on Sunday, May 16, 2021, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Naclerio was born and raised in the Bronx, New York, as one of 10 children to Elizabeth and Salvatore Naclerio; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his prolific career, Richard J. Naclerio proved himself to be a successful businessman as a developer, investor and entrepreneur; he previously served as CEO and President of Naclerio Contracting Corporation and later started RAN Consulting Corporation, a mortgage brokerage firm where he served as CEO and President; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Richard J. Naclerio spent his busy days as an owner of the well-known Bronx catering establishments, The Eastwood Manor and Maestros Caterers; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Richard J. Naclerio gave tirelessly of his time and energies to many charities and organizations, including Sound Shore Medical Health Systems, now known as Montefiore New Rochelle, where he served on the Board of Trustees as Vice President for Mount Vernon Hospital, now known as Montefiore Mount Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Richard J. Naclerio served on the Board of Directors of the Columbus Citizens Foundation and was Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for 10 years, where under his able leadership, scholarships have been granted to hundreds of Italian-American boys and girls to advance their education and awareness of their Italian-American heritage; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man was a retired Director of Patriot National Bank as well as a former trustee of Calvary Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center; he also inaugurated an annual golf fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor; and

WHEREAS, As a graduate of Villanova University, Richard J. Naclerio

remained actively involved through his memberships of the Matthew Carr Society and the 1842 Heritage Society; his creation of the Richard and

Barbara Naclerio Faculty Scholars Program encourages and supports the productive pursuit of high-level research; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he endowed Villanova University with the Richard J. Naclerio '54 and Barbara A. Naclerio Chair in Transatlantic Commerce and Finance, and served on the Dean's Advisory Board; his efforts and ceaseless dedication were recognized with the prestigious Reverend Joseph C. Bartley, OSA, 2014 Alumni Medallion Award; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Naclerio was the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his work, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, The American Red Cross Service Award and Boys Town of Italy Certificate of Recognition from the Italian Government; he and his wife were also the 2014 Honorees of the Columbus Day Parade in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Naclerio is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Barbara, who was the most important person in his life; his cherished children, Elizabeth D'Onofrio (Anthony), Lisa Argento (Joseph) and Richard A. Naclerio (Elisa); his loving grandchildren, Elizabeth, Michael, Barbara, Lauren, Nicholas, Samantha, Joseph, Matthew, Julianne, Jessica, Dante, and Andrew as well as their step-grandchildren, Joey and Dana; and his sister Rosann; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Naclerio's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Richard J. Naclerio leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Richard J. Naclerio, and expressing its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Richard J. Naclerio.