

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 35-2021

A RESOLUTION TO CEREMONIALLY DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS UNIONDALE AVENUE BETWEEN NASSAU ROAD AND JERUSALEM AVENUE IN UNIONDALE AS “CATANESE WAY”, AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CONSPICUOUS SIGNAGE ALONG SAID ROADWAY

WHEREAS, Marie and Ernest Catanese spent over sixty years in Nassau County and dedicated their time and talents to actively engage in advocacy for issues such as preservation of the Goehner farm stand, protecting the environment, veterans affairs, and fostering community diversity; and

WHEREAS, among their numerous accomplishments, during the nineteen nineties, Marie and Ernest Catanese founded the community grassroots organization known as U.N.I.T.E., Uniondale Neighbors In Total Effort, and Marie served as President of the Uniondale Historical Society so that the husband and wife duo could share their commitment to uplifting residents and enriching Nassau County’s culture beyond the hamlet of Uniondale; and

WHEREAS, Marie and Ernest Catanese’s commitment to civic organizations and causes in Uniondale deserves recognition, including their participation in the creation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Park where they selflessly gave their time as elders in the community to clean the park and place a wreath on the memorial bust of Dr. King, Jr. to commemorate his birthday each holiday; and

WHEREAS, it would be a fitting tribute to Marie, who passed away in 2019, and to Ernest Catanese to ceremonially designate a portion of the County road known as Uniondale Avenue from the intersection of Nassau Road to Jerusalem Avenue to be known as “Catanese Way”; and

WHEREAS, said designation is hereby declared a public purpose; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the portion of the County road known as Uniondale Avenue from the intersection of Nassau Road to the intersection of Jerusalem Avenue shall hereafter be ceremonially designated as “Catanese Way”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage along the length of the roadway to ceremonially designate the road “Catanese Way”, and all County agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this ceremonial designation with signage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such designation shall in no case be construed to change the official name of the roadway from Uniondale Avenue.

