HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Hunter College.

EXPLANATION: Dr. Ada Peluso recently pledged to the Hunter College Foundation $500,000 to be paid upon her death and $25,000 per year until her death to establish the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Hunter College. To date, she has paid $25,000 toward this pledge. The gift will be used to fund the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor, which support may include a salary supplement, research support, equipment and supplies.

Dr. Peluso has been a member of the Hunter College community for more than fifty years. She graduated from Hunter with a B.A. in Mathematics in 1960. After receiving her Ph.D. in Mathematics from New York University, she joined the Hunter College faculty in the mid 1960’s. She served as Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1999 until 2011. During her time at Hunter, she published several texts and received several national grants. Although she retired in 2011, she continues to be active at Hunter particularly with regard to development and assessment of the math education program at Manhattan Hunter Science High School and the encouragement of research opportunities at Hunter College High School.

Dr. Peluso is a trustee at the New York Society Library, and is actively involved with the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. She was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 2001 and has been a member of the Hunter College Foundation Board of Trustees since 2010.

Dr. Peluso has also been a longtime donor and friend to Hunter College, previously establishing the Assunta, Ignazio, Ada and Romano I. Peluso Scholarship Fund, with a corpus of $300,000 and contributing to the Hunter College Mother’s Day Scholarship Campaign. Concurrent with her gift for the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Hunter College, she has also pledged $500,000 to create the Ada, Assunta, Ignazio and Romano I. Peluso Faculty Library at Hunter College.