HUNTER COLLEGE

Naming of Franklin Roosevelt’s Library and Stairwell at Roosevelt House in Honor of Ada, Assunta, Ignazio and Romano Peluso

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of Franklin Roosevelt’s library and the stairwell at Hunter College’s Roosevelt House in honor of Ada, Assunta, Ignazio and Romano I. Peluso.

EXPLANATION: In February 2012, Dr. Ada Peluso and her brother Romano Peluso pledged $1,000,000 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. and made an additional gift of $100,000 to the Foundation. In recognition of these gifts, the College has agreed to name the stairwell at the Roosevelt House, as well as the room that originally served as Franklin Roosevelt’s library, in honor of the parents of Ada Peluso and Romano Peluso, Ignazio Peluso and Assunta Sommella Peluso.

Dr. Peluso has been a longtime donor to Hunter College as well, 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. Dr. Peluso has also pledged $25,000 annually and $500,000 in her estate to establish the Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Hunter College, and $500,000 to establish the Ada, Assunta, Ignazio and Romano I. Peluso Faculty Library. She is a trustee of the Hunter College Foundation and a trustee at the New York Society Library. Dr. Peluso is also a volunteer and major contributor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Romano I. Peluso, former Senior Vice President at Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, is on the Editorial Board of ABA Trust & Investments magazine and has written extensively on corporate trust matters.

The library will also be named in honor of Ada and Romano Peluso’s parents: Ignazio Peluso, an Italian diplomat who was Chief Chancellor of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, and Assunta Sommella Peluso, who held a Ph.D. in Economics.