RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Peluso Family Circulation/Reserve Desk” in the Hunter College Library.

EXPLANATION: Dr. Ada Peluso has been part 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 NYU, she joined the Hunter College faculty in the mid-1960s. During her tenure, she published several texts and received several national grants. Dr. Peluso served as Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1999 until 2011. Although she retired in 2011, she continues to be active at the College. She was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 2001 and has served as a Trustee of the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. since 2010.

Dr. Peluso has been a generous supporter and friend of Hunter College. In 2006, she donated $100,000 to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. to renovate the circulation desk in the Hunter College Library. She established the “Assunta, Ignazio, Ada and Romano I. Peluso Scholarship Fund” with an original corpus of $300,000, and donated an additional $500,000 to create the “Ada, Assunta, Ignazio and Romano I. Peluso Faculty Center” in the Hunter College Library. In 2011, she pledged $25,000 annually and $500,000 from her estate to establish the “Ada Peluso Visiting Professor of Mathematics and Statistics.” Dr. Peluso has also contributed to the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute, as well as various scholarship funds and other projects at the College. To date, her lifetime giving to the Hunter College Foundation, Inc. exceeds $2.5 million.

In recognition of Dr. Peluso’s service and extraordinary and ongoing generosity, Hunter College wishes to honor her and her brother, Romano I. Peluso, and their parents, Assunta and Ignazio Peluso, by naming the “Peluso Family Circulation/Reserve Desk” on the newly renovated third floor of the Library.