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By Council Members Sears, Boyland, Fidler, Gennaro, Gentile, Koppell, Liu, Lopez, Nelson, Recchia, Reed, Sanders, Seabrook, Vann and Weprin

Whereas, On November 12, 2003, sixteen Italian military personnel were among twenty-six individuals killed in a suicide bomb attack on an Italian police base in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriya; and

Whereas, The attack - among the worst on foreign bases in Iraq - marked Italy's first deaths in hostile action there; and

Whereas, As part of a United States-led coalition, Italy has sent a post-war deployment of approximately 2,400 Italian military personnel to help in the reconstruction of Iraq; and

Whereas, In Italy, President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi called the bombing a "terrorist act" and said that officers were killed in "carrying out their duty to help the people of Iraq recover peace, order and security;" and

Whereas, Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of these victims whose lives were cut short by terrorism during a mission of humanity and freedom in the service of the Iraqi people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York honors the Italian soldiers who lost their lives in the bombing that took place in Iraq on November 12, 2003

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