

## **COLLEGIUM RAMAZZINI**

## The Collegium Ramazzini is proud to recognize

## US Congresswoman

## CAROLYN B. MALONEY

as the recipient of the IRVING J. SELIKOFF AWARD, conferred upon a scientist or humanist whose studies or achievements have contributed to the protection of worker's health.

This year's award is presented to Congresswoman Maloney to honor her steadfast and ultimately successful advocacy in support of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act which guarantees health care to the men and women who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Carolyn Maloney was elected to the United States Congress in 1992. She represents New York's 14th District which is comprised of Manhattan's East Side and Western Queens. She is a senior member of both the House Financial Services Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Vice-Chair of the House Democrats' Steering and Policy Committee, and immediate past Chair of the Joint Economic Committee. Her legislative record demonstrates her resolute dedication to the protection of citizen's health, with a particular emphasis on prevention. Legislation sponsored or co-sponsored by Congresswoman Maloney in the current session of Congress include: the Obstetric Fistula Prevention, Treatment, Hope, and Dignity Restoration Act; the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act; the Tanning Bed Cancer Control Act; the Breastfeeding Promotion Act; the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act; the Ban Poisonous Additives Act; the Huntington's Disease Parity Act; the Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act; the Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Act; and the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act, among others.

Her bill, the Zadroga 9/11 Act, was signed into law by US President Barak Obama on January 2, 2011. This legislation accomplishes two important goals for individuals who suffered injuries or illnesses related to either the actual attacks or the subsequent cleanup. First, Title I of the Zadroga 9/11Act establishes a comprehensive health plan to monitor and treat injuries suffered by first responders and survivors, including firefighters, police officers, EMT's, rescue workers, construction workers, cleanup workers, local residents, local area workers, and school children, as the result of the exposure to toxic dust and debris around Ground Zero and other specified areas. Second, Title II of the Zadroga 9/11 Act reopens and expands a number of elements of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund to provide compensation for economic losses and harm as an alternative to the current litigation system and provide liability protections for the WTC Contractors and the City of New York.

Congresswoman Maloney has been called a "tenacious and resilient legislator" (Time Magazine). Her career has been characterized as "marked by a kind of personal courage" (New York Sun). Today we are honored to be able to add that she, like the person for whom the Irving J. Selikoff Award is named, is a true follower of Bernardino Ramazzini.

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