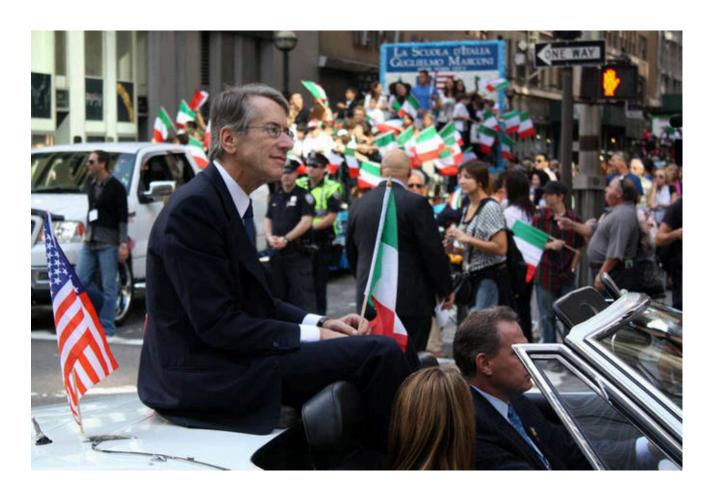## Farewell to All the Italians in America

Giulio Terzi (November 17, 2011)

The newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, salutes the Italian and Italian American communities as he moves from the prestigious role of Ambassador of Italy in Washington to the helm of the Foreign Ministry in Rome.

Fellow Italians, I bid you and the United States farewell as I continue, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, my service for the Government and go represent my country with the pride I have often seen in the facial expressions and I have often heard in the words of all the Italians in America.

At this time I warmly salute you all: the Italian-American community, the elected representatives in the United States, the associations that have sustained the activities of the Embassy in Washington and its consular net with great diligence, and all the friends of Italy.

I tackle this new appointment with gratitude for the trust the President of Italy and the Prime Minister have in me, knowing that, by acting as a Minister of the Republic, I will always be able to count on the extraordinary heritage of friendship, historical, cultural, economic and human ties between Italy and the United States. Those ties that the Italian-American community represents at its best.

We have accomplished a lot together. I cherish two specific memories: the celebrations held in the past months for the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy, sealed by President's Obama proclamation on March 17th, and most of all by President Napolitano's visit to celebrate with you "Italy's birthday"; and the return of the Advanced Placement program and of courses of Italian in American classes. A heritage, I am certain, the Italian-American community will continue to help grow, supporting, as always, all the activities started in the last months. Goodbye

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