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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Bernard and Shirley Handel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition as 2009 Honorees by the Community Foundation of Dutchess County

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Bernard and Shirley Handel have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership, and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Bernard and Shirley Handel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition as 2009 Honorees by the Community Foundation of Dutchess County; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Foundation's 2009 Garden Party, to be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation of Dutchess County is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009 with its annual Garden Party in support of the Foundation's continued efforts to promote philanthropy and charitable giving in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation also provides much needed funding to support the programs and services of worthy local nonprofit organizations in the community, and is committed to improving the quality of life in Dutchess, Ulster and Putnam counties; and

WHEREAS, President of Handel Companies and one of the founders of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Bernard Handel is a Trustee and past Chair of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, and a member of the boards of the Dutchess Community College Foundation and Poughkeepsie Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Handel is also a past board member of the Bardavon Opera House, American Red Cross and the Association for Senior Citizens; his professional associations include the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans; and

WHEREAS, A Hudson Valley native of Dutch ancestry dating to the mid-1600s, Shirley Handel has been a corporate executive fiscal officer and administrator of pension and health care plans; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Handel has served in a leadership capacity for the Poughkeepsie Day School and Hudson Valley Philharmonic, as well as serving on the boards of Planned Parenthood, Dutchess Outreach, Byrdcliffe Advisory Council, Eleanor Roosevelt at Val-Kill and the Dutchess County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Together, Bernard and Shirley Handel are Trustees of the Handel Foundation which actively supports a variety of local community organizations; and

WHEREAS, An inspiration to many of their fellow citizens who are grateful for all they have given, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County is honoring Bernard and Shirley Handel for their dedication and personal contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others and their community which Bernard and Shirley Handel have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Bernard and Shirley Handel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Foundation of Dutchess County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernard and Shirley Handel.