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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brinckerhoff Family upon the occasion of its designation for special honor by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce on February 7, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brinckerhoff Family upon the occasion of its designation for special honor by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Gala on February 7, 2009; and

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, The Brinckerhoff Family have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, A shining example of what a businessperson can contribute to the region, H. Todd Brinckerhoff joined the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company after graduating from Hobart College and has been on the forefront of the business community for nearly a half a century; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, H. Todd Brinckerhoff, along with his partner John Neuville, formed Brinckerhoff and Neuville Insurance, which has grown into one of the larger and more successful businesses in the region, employing 30 people who call Dutchess and Putnam counties home; and

WHEREAS, H. Todd Brinckerhoff launched a second business, Tri County Planning Services, in 1985, which provides medical insurance and serves 10 chambers of commerce throughout the Hudson River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, H. Todd Brinckerhoff is active with the Fishkill Rotary, area chambers of commerce, and served on the boards of Mount Saint Mary College, Vassar Brothers Hospital and the Fishkill Rural Cemetery; he was also one of the founders of the

Fishkill Bank and Trust Company, which eventually became M & T Bank; and WHEREAS, In addition, H. Todd Brinckerhoff has been actively involved with Marist College for many years; he served as a devoted trustee and advisor for more than a decade and was the inspiration and principal proponent of the Hudson River Valley Institute; and

WHEREAS, H. Todd Brinckerhoff is not the only Brinckerhoff dedicated to bettering the community; his wife, Beverly Brinckerhoff, is a Vassar Brothers Hospital volunteer, a Vassar Brothers Hospital Foundation board member, and serves on the Locust Grove Board, as well as donating her time at the local libraries and PTAs; and

WHEREAS, Daughters Mary and Margaret Brinckerhoff and Barbara Teed follow in the active steps of their parents; Mary Brinckerhoff serves as vice chair on Brinckerhoff and Neuville's board, as well as being employed by the George Munsterman Agency, Barbara Teed volunteers her time at public schools, and Margaret Brinckerhoff is Vice President at DKNY; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brinckerhoff Family upon the occasion of its designation for special honor by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce on

February 7, 2009, and to wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brinckerhoff Family.