

## 2009-K868

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Fornario upon the occasion of receiving the Silver Bell Award from the Mental Health Association in Orange County at its Annual Silver Ball on Saturday, February 20, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Fornario upon the occasion of receiving the Silver Bell Award from the Mental Health Association in Orange County at its Annual Silver Ball on Saturday, February 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Frank Fornario volunteered at what was then Letchworth Village, an institution for children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities; he found it so rewarding that he eventually became a teacher, a career he might not otherwise have considered; and

WHEREAS, A key figure in Orange County, Frank Fornario spent a year at the Putnam-Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services teaching autistic children; after being laid off, he joined the Yorktown Central School District, where he served for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, With Frank Fornario throughout have been his wife, Patricia, and their four daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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

honor Frank Fornario upon the occasion of receiving the Silver Bell

Award from the Mental Health Association in Orange County at its Annual

Silver Ball on February 20, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Frank Fornario.