

## 2009-K1171

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse on April 22, 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 individuals who 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 commend Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse at its Annual "Celebrate the Child" Dinner to be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at The Grandview, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff have continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in their unwavering service to their community and subsequently have been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in Poughkeepsie, New York, Joseph Kirchhoff is a life long resident of Dutchess County; he was educated in the Arlington School district, graduated from the Hill School in New York City, and attended Dutchess Community College; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Joseph Kirchhoff purchased his first company, an electrical contracting firm, while selling insurance and real estate for his father's agency; after selling his electrical firm, he founded Kirchhoff Construction Management, in 1991, which grew to be one of the leading commercial builders in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2009, Kirchhoff Construction merged with

Consigli Construction Company out of Milford, Massachusetts, creating a new entity, KirchhoffConsigli Construction Management, which is four times the size of the original Kirchhoff-Construction; and

WHEREAS, The new company holds the core values of Kirchhoff Construction with the expanded resources of Consigli providing clients with expanded services and a wider geographic reach; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kirchhoff plays an active role in the new company as the CEO, focusing on business development and client relations; and

WHEREAS, Partnering with his friends, Joseph Kirchhoff is also an avid real estate developer with projects throughout the Hudson River Valley, some of which include CVS and Rite Aid Pharmacies, Arlington Square in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Ransley Square in Fishkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Kirchhoff donates his time and talents to various boards and committees throughout the community, including Ramapo for Children, New Horizons Foundation, and the Dutchess County Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kirchhoff has also been a generous benefactor of Vassar College, Marist College, Mount Saint Mary's College, Northern Dutchess Hospital, Anderson Center for Autism and over 20 other non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts of in-depth magnitude, Joseph Kirchhoff has received numerous awards and accolades; in 2009, he was selected as the Poughkeepsie Journal Business Person of the Year Award; in 2007, Kirchhoff Construction received the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation's Business Excellence Grand Award; and

WHEREAS, Despite all his professional success, Joseph Kirchhoff enjoys his family and friendships above all else; he has been married to Andrea Kirchhoff for 25 years and together, they have four children, Kyle, Troy, Samantha and Layla; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Kirchhoff was born in Poughkeepsie and has lived in Dutchess County her entire life; in 1983, she graduated from Arlington

High School and attended the Krissler Business Institute, graduating in 1984; and

WHEREAS, After working in the office at Cavalier Electronics, Andrea Kirchhoff took classes in Early Childhood Education and found her passion teaching Nursery school; she was employed by Rainbows End, Northern Dutchess Day Care Center and The Children's Corner; and WHEREAS, Becoming a mother and being able to stay home with her four children has been one of the greatest joys of Andrea Kirchhoff's life; and

WHEREAS, While raising her family, Andrea Kirchhoff became very involved in the community including the local 4-H, her children's schools and her church; she served as President of the Board at St. Josephs School as well as Room Mother and Cooking Mom for many of the classrooms her children attended; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Kirchhoff is currently an Elder at The First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Valley where she also serves with their Friendship Calling group; her involvement with the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is one of her strongest passions, serving on the Board and on the Auction Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse on April 22, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph and Andrea Kirchhoff.