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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County Human Rights Commission as the recipient of a 2010 Human Rights Award on April 28, 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 organizations and 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County Human Rights Commission as the recipient of a 2010 Human Rights Award on April 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad will be honored at the Commission's 15th Annual Awards Dinner, to be held at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club, Central Valley, New York, on Wednesday, April 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Orange County Human Rights Commission was established in 1970 to serve the citizens of Orange County; its primary objectives include the fostering of mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious and ethnic groups in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Orange County Human Rights Commission also inquires into incidents of tension and conflict among or between various racial, religious and ethnic groups and acts to relieve such tension and conducts and recommends programs in education to increase good will among the diverse inhabitants of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Commission receives complaints of alleged

discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, arrest and/or conviction record and attempts to resolve such conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Awards Dinner the Orange County Human Rights Commission proudly honors those who support and help to further its objectives of mutual respect and understanding among all citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad truly merits this high honor; a resident of Beacon, New York, Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad is the resident Imam of Masjid Al-Ikhlās, the Islamic Learning Center of Orange County located in the City of Newburgh; he is a champion for the cause of racial and ethnic equality and a proponent of inter-faith dialogue and cooperation, breaking down the barriers that exist between faith based religions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 applaud the Orange County Human Rights Commission for its efforts to foster understanding and pride of community and to commend Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County Human Rights Commission as the recipient of a 2010 Human Rights Award on April 28, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Imam Salahuddin Mustafa Muhammad.