

## 2009-J5863

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles S. North upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the cultural enrichment of the State of New York and to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles S. North upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council; and

WHEREAS, Charles North, president of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, relocated to the Hudson Valley in 1982 to work as vice president and business development officer of Norstar Bank; he left banking in 1990 to pursue his interest in radio as vice president of public relations for WKIP and Q92.1 FM; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, having made a name for himself in the business community, Charles North was appointed to the presidency of the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce; during his tenure at this position, the Chamber thrived, membership doubled, programs to enhance business and member activities increased, satellite offices for state and national business development were instituted, and advocacy for legislation affecting business strengthened; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Charles North returned to banking as vice president of marketing, public relations and business development at Riverside Bank; however, in 2000, he accepted the opportunity and challenge to become president of the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce once again; under his second term, the Chamber has enjoyed further success, where membership increased to nearly 1,800 members, resulting in the organization's name change in 2008 from Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce to the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and  
WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Mr. North's service to various not

for profit organizations, include: the American Cancer Society, the Arlington Education Foundation, the Lutheran Care Center at Concorde Village, Dutchess County Tourism, the Saint Francis Hospital Foundation, and Dutchess County United Way; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2003, Charles North was recognized for his work with Lighthouse, Inc.; he received the prestigious Dale Carnegie Leadership Award in December of 2003, and this award is given annually to less than 20 people worldwide; it was bestowed upon him in recognition of his leadership skills and for building an organization that strongly supports the Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, Because of his strong commitment to education and passion for students who desire to learn more about business, in April of 2008, Charles North was inducted as an honorary member of the Dutchess Community College Delta Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society, and Support for Military at Stewart Airport; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joanne and their two sons, Alexander and Joseph, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Charles North and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles S. North upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2010 Dutchess County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles S. North.