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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Roger and Patricia Tanner upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation

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, Roger and Patricia Tanner 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Roger and Patricia Tanner upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation at an event celebrating 25 years of service to their community, to be held at Catering By Dees, Forest Hills, New York on Thursday, December 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Roger and Patricia Tanner have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Both Roger and Patricia Tanner were born in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, NY; each of their families were members of Andrews United Methodist Church on Richmond Street and were both part of the scouting and youth programs at the church; the two began dating in their late teens and were married in 1962; and

WHEREAS, At age 16 Roger began working at Werner & Acker, Cypress Hills Florist and remained there after graduating from Franklin K. Lane High School; he continued his employment and training at the florist shop, managing and ultimately owning the business; Pat became increasingly involved in the floral business and eventually became a full-time partner; and

WHEREAS, As members of Andrews United Methodist Church Roger and Patricia Tanner also found time to work with the youth groups as well as the boy scouts; as church members they have served in many capacities over the years from preparing meals, teaching and serving as trustees of

the church; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, church leaders, members of the community and of the Kiwanis Club of Highland Park were called together; they began a youth/senior program and a not-for-profit agency to oversee the program; this was the beginning of Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation (CHLDC); and

WHEREAS, A year later in 1983, CHLDC was incorporated and the Inter-generational Program began; Roger was named to the Board of Directors and Patricia served on the youth program committee; at the same time New York City had opened a Neighborhood Stabilization Office in the community which offered training, support and assistance to the CHLDC Board; and

WHEREAS, Roger was among a group of board members who wrote a Grant Proposal to New York State Division of Homes & Community Renewal; the grant was a success and the organization grew from there; and

WHEREAS, Roger and Patricia Tanner have been delighted to see the CHLDC grow over the years; as Board Officers and Members they are proud of their part in bringing the small program of 1983 into an agency with such a remarkable level of success; serving 16 students with a part-time employee they now have multiple educational, housing, counseling and community development programs as partners; the current staff of more than 100 full-time and many part-time employees has provided jobs and services for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Until retiring last year Roger and Patricia Tanner's business provided the flowers of many Cypress Hills residents, as well as employment opportunities for their children, for students after school hours, and other members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Roger and Patricia Tanner have been blessed with two loving children, Deborah and Thomas, and their spouses, as well as nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Roger and Patricia Tanner have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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 that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roger and Patricia Tanner upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roger and Patricia Tanner.