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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson of Red Cap Cleaners upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

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, John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson 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 John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson of Red Cap Cleaners upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on February 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This fine event is the Chamber's Le Cirque Des Affaires Annual Gala which will be held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pierrette Ruhland and her family have owned the Red Cap Cleaners for more than 30 years and have four locations in Dutchess County; her children, John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson, have assumed leadership roles in the business and have made significant contributions to its growth; and

WHEREAS, Both Tina Hawkinson and John Ruhland worked in the business as teenagers; John has a Culinary Arts degree from The State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill and has experience in the restaurant industry; Tina earned her Bachelor's degree in Marketing from the Fashion Institute of Technology - State University of New York (F.I.T.) and worked for 10 years in the retail industry; and

WHEREAS, The family is active supporting organizations, including the Kiwanis Club, Poughkeepsie Day Nursery, and the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse; they are also active members of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Ruhland and Tina Hawkinson of Red Cap Cleaners upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Ruhland, Tina Hawkinson, and Pierrette Ruhland.