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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John Maraia upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2011 Lifetime Service Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in the State of New York; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John Maraia upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2011 Lifetime Service Award, to be observed at its Fifth Annual Labor Heroes Celebration at Dutchess Manor in Beacon, New York on Friday, June 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, John Maraia was born on September 12, 1946, in Fairview, New Jersey to Anna and John Maraia; today, he resides in West Nyack, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Cliffside Park High School John Maraia began his lifelong career with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 363; he was first initiated and entered into the apprenticeship program in January of 1965; four years later he became a Journeyman Electrician and later served as the Director of Education of Local Union 363's Apprenticeship Program, in which he directed the entire New York State approved Apprenticeship Program given by Local Union 363; and

WHEREAS, John Maraia has held positions on Local Union 363's Executive Board, National Electrical Contractors Associations Board of Directors, Labor Management Cooperative Committee, and a Trustee of the Benefit Funds of IBEW Local Union 363; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, John Maraia became Senior Assistant Business Manag-

er; he was appointed to Business Manager and Financial Secretary in June of 2005; in this capacity he is responsible for managing all aspects of the electrical industry, collective bargaining agreements, grievances, arbitrations, and labor relations; in addition, he is the Administrator of the Local Union 363 Benefit Funds; and

WHEREAS, During his 43 year career with the IBEW, John Maraia attended Cornell University's School of Labor Studies, IBEW Local Union 363's National Electrical Contractor's Association Training, and its School of High Voltage Splicing; and

WHEREAS, Currently, John Maraia serves as Rockland County Commissioner of Labor, President of the Rockland Central Labor Council, President of the Rockland County Building and Construction Trades Council, President of the New York State Association of Electrical Workers, and member of the New York State Apprenticeship Council; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional responsibilities, John believes in commitment to his community serving on a host of boards and committees such as the Rockland Economic Development Corporation, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Private Industry Council, Workforce Investment Board, Nyack Hospital Foundation, O & R Community Advisory Panel, Good Samaritan Hospital Spring Ball Committee, Rockland County Deputy Sheriffs, and the Rockland County Industrial Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Christine and her son Tyler, and his four children, Christina, John, Matthew, and Jamie, as well as six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John Maraia upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of

the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2011 Lifetime Service Award;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Maraia.