

## 2011-J2164

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedication to the County of Albany, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives, public service and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedication to the County of Albany, New York; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the 2011 Annual Town of Colonie Awards Ceremony, to be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the Desmond, 660 Albany Shaker Road in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Albany County, Michael G. Breslin began serving as Albany County Executive in 1995 after being appointed by the Albany County Legislature to fill a vacancy; he was later elected to a full term in 1995 and then reelected in 1999, 2003 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Michael G. Breslin was president of his graduating class at Vincentian Institute, a three-sport varsity athlete, and recipient of the Thom McAn Award as the outstanding scholastic football player in the area; and

WHEREAS, Appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1957, Michael G. Breslin played intercollegiate football, basketball and baseball, and graduated in the top quarter of his class; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, Michael G. Breslin was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry; after completing Airborne and Ranger schools, he served three years in

the 82nd Airborne Division, where he was platoon leader and infantry company commander; and

WHEREAS, An infantry company commander in the 4th Infantry Division, Michael G. Breslin served a year in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1969 as a Major in the United States Army; his decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge; and

WHEREAS, Active for more than 20 years on the board of Hospitality House, a residential drug treatment facility, Michael G. Breslin also served for 13 years as attorney to Saint Anne Institute, a facility for adolescent girls, and for seven years on the board of LaSalle School for Boys; he also coached community youth baseball and softball teams for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael G. Breslin was a member of the Albany County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Committee, and has served on the United States service academy nominating committees for more than 25 years; he is also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, As Albany County Executive, Michael G. Breslin has been a leader in the area of long term care; he was the first recipient of the annual NY Connects Excellence in Leadership Award in 2007, presented by the New York State Office for the Aging and the New York Association of Counties for his efforts to reform long term care in Albany County; he has also been instrumental in improving Albany County's Department for Youth, Children and Families, as well as being at the forefront of assisting Albany's veterans; and

WHEREAS, In the facilities management area, as Albany County Executive, Michael G. Breslin has led several initiatives to improve the

county's infrastructure to enhance service delivery for residents and to establish a secure working environment for employees; he has also been dedicated to ensuring safe roadways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin has made energy efficiency a priority and has been committed to preserving open spaces in Albany County; he has also made significant improvements in the efficiency of Albany County government via the use of technology and shared services; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Toledo Law School where he was Editor in-Chief of the Law Review, Michael G. Breslin graduated first in his class in 1971; he was an attorney in private practice in Albany for more than 20 years, first with the firm of DeGraff, Foy, Conway, Holt-Harris and Mealey, and for more than a decade in the firm Breslin, Breslin and Breslin; and

WHEREAS, Firmly believing that county government's role is to help people and make Albany County a better place to live, Michael G. Breslin has continuously strived to find better ways to serve the people of Albany County; he has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable public service to the County of Albany and State of New York, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his dedication to the County of Albany, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Albany County Executive Michael G. Breslin.