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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Brooks, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Service Care Award by Counseling Care and Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael J. Brooks, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Service Care Award by Counseling Care and Services, Inc. on Friday, November 4, 2011, at its 8th Annual Reception; and

WHEREAS, Each year, in the City of Cohoes, New York, Counseling Care and Services, Inc. honors two outstanding people by presenting them with a Care Award in recognition of their unique contributions to its community; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Brooks, Jr. is being recognized for his loving, energetic and timeless giving of self for the Cohoes community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Brooks, Jr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and moved to Van Schaick Island, Cohoes, New York, shortly after his father died at the age of 41; and

WHEREAS, Michael Brooks, Jr. attended the Sacred Heart School in Cohoes and graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in Albany; he is the co-founder of Cohoes Caretakers, a civic organization that works for the betterment of Cohoes and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Michael Brooks, Jr. served as the Executive Director and Secretary of the Cohoes Housing Authority from 1996-1999, during which time he advanced Cohoes housing to "High Performer" status; he chaired the City of Cohoes's 125th Anniversary Celebration, and is co-Founder and President of the Cohoes Youth Boxing Club; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael Brooks, Jr. has also served on the Board of Directors of the Cohoes Chamber of Commerce, the Business Council of Cohoes, the Cohoes Community Action Program, and the Rotary Club of Cohoes, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, A true lover and advocate for the City of Cohoes, Michael Brooks, Jr. has been affiliated with the following: the National Share Organization, a computer professional group; the Cohoes Canal Square Concert series; lobbying Congress on behalf of Cohoes Public Housing; the Finance and Program Committee of the New York State Association of Renewal and Housing Officials; the Kiwanis Club of Cohoes; and the Cohoes Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Michael Brooks, Jr. considers one of his most significant and fulfilling projects that he has participated in to be the Vietnam Healing Wall, which came to Lansing Park in Cohoes in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Michael Brooks, Jr. retired after serving as an Area Operations Manager for Verizon (formerly New York Telephone/NYNEX) for thirty years; he is now the owner and operator of Harmony Mills Web Com, where he designs and maintains web sites for small businesses and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marie and their children, Michael III and Matthew, as well as their grandchildren, Michael IV, Mason and Sophia, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Michael Brooks, Jr.'s distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael J. Brooks, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as

recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Service Care Award by Counseling Care and Services, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Michael J. Brooks, Jr.