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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Levon Helm of Woodstock, New York, upon the occasion of winning his third consecutive Grammy Award

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Levon Helm of Woodstock, New York, upon the occasion of winning his third consecutive Grammy Award; and

WHEREAS, A Grammy Award is an accolade by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the United States to recognize outstanding achievement in the music industry; and

WHEREAS, A Grammy Award is the music equivalent of an Emmy Award for television, a Tony Award for stage and an Academy Award for film; and WHEREAS, The first Grammy Awards ceremony was held on May 4, 1959, to honor musical accomplishments by performers for the year 1958; and WHEREAS, At the 54th annual Grammy Awards ceremony, held on February 12, 2012, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, Levon Helm of Woodstock, New York, captured the award for Best Americana album for "Ramble at the Ryman" recorded at Nashville's Ryman Theater; and WHEREAS, The 2012 Grammy Award won by Levon Helm of Woodstock, New York, was his third consecutive Grammy Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Levon Helm has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and WHEREAS, In recognition of his dedication, commitment and efforts on behalf of his community and his profession, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to Levon Helm of

Woodstock, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Levon Helm of Woodstock, New York, upon the occasion of winning his third consecutive Grammy Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Levon Helm.