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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John Mizerak upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award on May 18, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations, businesses, and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John Mizerak upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Ulster-Greene ARC was founded in 1956 by families who insisted that their children with disabilities have the same opportunities for schooling, vocational training and housing as anyone else has; and

WHEREAS, These early pioneers established the first community-based services for people with disabilities in Ulster and Greene Counties; today, Ulster-Greene ARC is a not-for-profit agency which serves nearly 2000 people throughout the mid-Hudson and Catskill Mountains region who have developmental delays or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Each year Ulster-Greene ARC proudly honors outstanding members of the Ulster-Greene ARC community and other members of the community who give unselfishly of themselves to help make the lives of others fulfilling, recognizing them for their dedication to the community and their commitment to Ulster-Greene ARC's mission of offering people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities opportunities to live and experience full lives; and

WHEREAS, John Mizerak will be honored by Ulster-Greene ARC with the 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award at its 31st Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, New York in recognition and appreciation of his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Now retiring, John Mizerak has, since 2003, served with distinction as Director of the Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office, a New York State affiliate of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities; previously, he was the Executive Director of Gateway Industries and worked with the New York State Education Department's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Active in his profession and in his community, John Mizerak has been President of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, the Rural Ulster Preservation Company (R.U.P.C.O), and the Kingston Lions Club; Vice President of the Kingston Hospital Board; and a member of the Boards of the New York State Rehabilitation Association, the Ulster County Federal Credit Union, and the Woodstock Golf Club, where, in retirement, he will no doubt often be found; and

WHEREAS, John Mizerak has been a constant and humble supporter of Ulster-Greene ARC for many years; as a dedicated community partner, he has helped Ulster-Greene ARC and its programs to flourish, greatly enriching the lives of countless others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize John Mizerak for his unwavering commitment to Ulster-Greene ARC as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative service to the communities and citizens it so ably serves; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John Mizerak upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award on May 18, 2012; and be it further

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