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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle upon the occasion of their designation by the Orange County Partnership as recipients of 2012 Most Valuable Partner Awards

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle upon the occasion of their designation by the Orange County Partnership as recipients of 2012 Most Valuable Partner Awards, to be presented at the Annual MVP Breakfast, to be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed Orange County Partnership's Most Valuable Partner Award is presented to honor an individual or individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to improve the economic strength and diversity of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle, Co-chairs of the Alliance for Balanced Growth, truly merit this high honor; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordisco earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Plattsburgh, and his Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law, where he received the Murray Award for Outstanding Public Service; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordisco is a partner with the New Windsor law firm of Drake, Loeb, Heller, Kennedy, Gogerty, Gaba and Rodd PLLC; his practice includes land use permitting and environmental law for both municipal and private clients; he is a past Regional Attorney for Region Three of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and has been a lecturer on such topics as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), wetlands regulation, endangered species, mining, underground storage, and oil spill; and

WHEREAS, He appears regularly before the New York Association of Towns, the New York Planning Federation, and the Orange County Municipal

Planning Federation; in addition to serving as a Co-chair of the Alliance for Balanced Growth, he serves as Co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section Committee on Mining, Oil and Gas Regulation; and

WHEREAS, John Lavelle is a real estate broker with RJ Smith Realty, which specializes in commercial and industrial developments; he is a lifelong area resident and a graduate of the Leadership Orange program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Co-chair of the Alliance for Balanced Growth, John Lavelle is a former Orange County Partnership Director of Business Attraction; he also serves as the 2nd Vice President of the New York State Commercial Association of Realtors; he was recognized as the 2009 New York State Commercial Realtor of the Year and has been a valued and active member of the boards of several local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance for Balanced Growth is a cooperative effort between area developers, landowners, commercial real estate professionals, engineers, land-use attorneys, construction services and the Orange County Partnership dedicated to presenting a strong, unified voice for responsible development in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle have supported economic development for years through their work with the Alliance for Balanced Growth activities; their work on the wetlands issue in Orange County has

been so thorough that it is being used as a model throughout New York State; regarding their work with wetlands, the DEC is finalizing new wetlands maps for Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle took the lead after recognizing the potentially adverse impact the remapping could have on the county, and began researching alternatives for the DEC to consider; they educated the public on the remapping impact, and mobilized the business community and elected officials to get their voices heard; through their efforts, the Orange county community has been given the opportunity to alter an otherwise foregone conclusion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle upon the occasion of their designation by the Orange County Partnership as recipients of 2012 Most Valuable Partner Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dominic Cordisco and John Lavelle.