

## 2011-J5144

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Peters, LMSW, for receiving the Community Advocate Award from the Willa Davis Women's Club

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Peters, LMSW, for receiving the Community Advocate Award from the Willa Davis Women's Club at its 103rd Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, May 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, David Peters, LMSW, is a social worker in private practice who is committed to improving the lives of children and families; he serves as the Project co-Coordinator for Communities for All Ages, a United Way of Westchester-Putnam and Helen Benedict Andrus Foundation-funded initiative that works to make New Rochelle a better place for growing up and growing older; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years David Peters worked as a child welfare advocate, trainer and administrator for the Center for Development of Human Services, Research Foundation of SUNY at Buffalo; in that capacity, he was engaged in transformative initiatives to address and improve critical thinking, safety and risk assessment for all child welfare staff statewide; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement from SUNY, David Peters provided the leadership to establish the Institute for Professional Development and Human Services, Hunter College School of Social Work, CUNY; there he focused on improving the transfer of learning around safety and risk assessment for child welfare staff throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, Returning to his roots as a community advocate in 2010, David Peters has begun to engage in more direct practice; as such, he has founded and serves as the Chairman of the Community Enrichment Zone, a collaboration of community-based and faith-based organizations within the Lincoln Avenue Corridor of New Rochelle that have committed to strategic planning and action to enrich the lives of its stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, A New Rochelle resident, David Peters is involved in a variety of community groups, including the New Rochelle Council of Community Services, Courts Catalyzing Change, Undoing Racism, the Anti-Racism Alliance, Passport to Manhood and the WestCOP New Rochelle Community Action Program; he also is a 2011 graduate of the New Rochelle Police Department's Citizen Academy; and

WHEREAS, David Peters serves as Deacon-elect of the Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle where he serves as a member of the Board of Mission, Men's Ministry, Small Group Ministry, Men's Choir, and the Discipleship Ministry; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his three children and three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Peters, LMSW, for receiving the Community Advocate Award from the Willa Davis Women's Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Peters.