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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Gene Nachamkin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Gene Nachamkin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York to be celebrated at its 25th Annual Confections in Chocolate Gala, on Saturday, March 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York works diligently to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, As residents of Northeastern New York face the physical, emotional and social uncertainties of epilepsy everyday, the Epilepsy Foundation is there to help them become happy, self-confident, productive adults, by offering them, as well as their friends, families and caregivers a variety of programs; and

WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York proudly recognizes those who have made significant contributions to increasing awareness of epilepsy and in support of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York's efforts with its Flame of Hope Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Nachamkin, the third recipient of the Flame of Hope Award, truly merits this high honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Nachamkin currently serves as Immediate Past President of the Board of the Directors for the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; furthermore, he served as President/Board Chair of the affiliate for four years; and

WHEREAS, During that time, the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York achieved Standards of Excellence, opened its first satellite office, launched a Care and Cure fund to raise money for research and raised the most at a single fundraising event in its history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Nachamkin played an active role and was an integral part of each of these achievements; he has been instrumental in raising revenue for the Foundation through the introduction of new corporate sponsors and donors; he has also increased the awareness of epilepsy and the programs and services provided by the Foundation to the community through his outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Nachamkin has been involved in epilepsy advocacy efforts on both the state and local levels and was recently selected as a Board Member of the National Epilepsy Foundation and serves on four committees of that organization; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Dr. Gene Nachamkin for his unwavering commitment to the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Gene Nachamkin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Flame of Hope Award by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Gene Nachamkin.