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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard Sands upon the occasion of being named Mr. Canandaigua by the Canandaigua Area Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations which have shown a long-standing commitment to improving the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard Sands upon the occasion of being named Mr. Canandaigua by the Canandaigua Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Canandaigua, New York, Richard Sands is a strong advocate of education, he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Vermont in 1974; he later received his master's and doctorate degrees in social psychology from the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Richard Sands returned home to Canandaigua to work for the family business; he spent time learning the business from his father from the ground up and after holding various positions, he was appointed executive vice president in 1982; and

WHEREAS, As a business leader, Richard Sands has always been willing to share his expertise, knowledge, and skills to help others grow and develop professionally; he also developed the family business through a number of acquisitions in the 1980s and 1990s; this growth has led to Constellation Brands, Inc. being the world's leading wine company; and

WHEREAS, Richard Sands's father did not just teach him how to run the business, but both he and his mother instilled in him a love and commitment to the Canandaigua community that is hard to surpass; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying a unique combination of citizenship and philanthropy, Richard Sands has helped to elevate the entire Canandaigua region with his selfless, tireless efforts in business, recreation, education, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Richard Sands took on the role of General Chairman of the YMCA's expansion; he recruited a campaign team to raise a signif-

icant amount needed for the project; and

WHEREAS, Richard Sands then simultaneously developed a brilliant financing plan that allowed for the expansion to begin right away and for the YMCA to save for their future; he continues his commitment to the YMCA, meeting with them on a regular basis to review and modify their long-range financial plan helping to ensure that the Canandaigua YMCA will be around for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center, now known as CMAC, Richard Sands has also given his time and support to the New York Wine & Culinary Center, Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua Area Development Corporation, and making The Inn on the Lake Hotel a viable part of the community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jennifer, and his family, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Richard Sands's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Sands upon the occasion of being named Mr. Canandaigua by the Canandaigua Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Sands.