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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tommy Greenwald upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Denise McCoy Legacy Award

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 Tommy Greenwald upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Denise McCoy Legacy Award, to be celebrated at the Albany Academy for Girls on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Denise McCoy Legacy Award was created to honor Denise McCoy and her legacy of promoting literacy to community youth; she was the former owner of the Bookmark in Latham, a bookstore specializing in children's literature, and an avid supporter of 15-LOVE's literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Denise McCoy Legacy Award honors the author of the previous year's most humorous children's book as selected by the members of the Upper Hudson Library Council and the Denise McCoy Legacy Award Committee; the Denise McCoy Legacy Award benefits Kids Reads Events and the Denise McCoy Scholarship Fund that provides financial scholarships to 15-LOVE participants who are attending a higher education institution; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Greenwald is the author of CHARLIE JOE JACKSON'S GUIDE TO NOT READING; the book is for middle-grade readers between grades 3-6, and tells the story of all the excuses of a reluctant reader; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Greenwald grew up wanting to be an author; he is an author and executive creative director at Spotco, a company that makes ads for Broadway shows; in addition, he co-wrote a musical called "john

& jen" in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Greenwald's wife's name is Cathy; his children are Charlie, Joe, and Jack, names he used in his book for the character Charlie Joe Jackson; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Tommy Greenwald'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 Tommy Greenwald upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Denise McCoy Legacy Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tommy Greenwald.