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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas C. Vasile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by Happiness House

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas C. Vasile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by Happiness House at its 12th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction Event, to be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, at Belhurst Castle, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Given annually, this auspicious award is presented to individuals who have dedicated their time and serve as advocates on behalf of people with developmental disabilities, Thomas C. Vasile's outstanding contributions and accomplishments are consistent with the mission and vision of Happiness House; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1949, Thomas C. Vasile was raised by his loving parents, Sam and Mary Ann Pisciotto Vasile, in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, At a very young age, Thomas C. Vasile, along with his brother, Samuel, began to learn the skills needed to manage the family's beverage business, Finger Lakes Bottling Co. Inc.; together, the brothers ran the business until it was sold in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Thomas C. Vasile and his company were the annual Founding and Major Sponsor of The Francis "Ben" Bonafiglia Happiness House Golf Tournament for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas C. Vasile is an ardent Syracuse University football

and basketball fan; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 42 years, Karen, and his two children, Beth Ann and Tom Jr., as well as his grandchildren, John, Ben, and Gabriella, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Thomas C. Vasile has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his family, friends, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Thomas C. Vasile has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas C. Vasile upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by Happiness House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas C. Vasile.