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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the members of the Bonafiglia Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Humanitarian 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 the members of the Bonafiglia Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Humanitarian 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 served as advocates on behalf of people with developmental disabilities; the Bonafiglia Family's outstanding contributions and accomplishments are consistent with the mission and vision of Happiness House; and

WHEREAS, The Bonafiglia Family includes Angelo and Agnes Bonafiglia, who have been married for 65 years; their children, Andrea, Bruce, and Curt; and three grandchildren, Daniele, Erin and Ben, all of whom gladly give of themselves to support people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, Angelo Bonafiglia founded BonaDent; today, the business has become a family affair with Bruce at the helm serving as President of two locations in Florida and South Carolina, Daniele as Vice-President, and Erin Bonafiglia the Technical Trainer; Andrea retired from the position of President at the Florida location, and Curt went on

to earn his PhD in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, The Bonafiglia Family is deeply involved in their community; they serve on the Happiness House Board and the Seneca County Children's Committee, and have been major contributors to the Special Olympics, as well as sponsor the Ben Bonafiglia Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Bonafiglia Family donates Christmas gifts to the families of children at Mynderse Academy, and delivers miniature Christmas trees to the residents of the Seneca Falls Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, BonaDent proudly employs ARC residents, and Daniele coaches both Rec Center girls soccer and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Bonafiglia Family has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of their family, friends, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the Bonafiglia Family has displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the members of the Bonafiglia Family upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award by Happiness House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bonafiglia Family.