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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the J. Clarence Herlihy Access to Justice Award by Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this great Empire State has been ably served and uniquely enriched through the selfless dedication and benevolent concern of the individuals who make up the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the J. Clarence Herlihy Access to Justice Award by Prisoners' Legal Services of New York which was observed at its 40th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, October 24, 2014, at Albany Law School in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department received this auspicious award in memory of Justice J. Clarence Herlihy; and

WHEREAS, The late Justice J. Clarence Herlihy was a graduate of Georgetown University and Albany Law School; he was well-known for his many accomplishments throughout his esteemed career, the most notable being in the aftermath of the Attica Prison Riots, serving as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department, he called for the implementation of a prison grievance process and access to legal

representation for prisoners to allow them to present their claims in court; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department emulates the foresight and leadership of Justice J. Clarence Herlihy portrayed throughout his illustrious career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the J. Clarence Herlihy Access to Justice Award by Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, and to extend its sincere gratitude for Justice J. Clarence Herlihy's contribution to the people of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department.