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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Halpin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Friend of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, James Halpin has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Halpin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Friend of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, James Halpin is being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of his outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Bronx, James Halpin graduated from St.

Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a degree in both Business Management and Finance; and

WHEREAS, James Halpin began his career in computer systems management with ABM; in 1997, he established Platinum Maintenance, a firm specializing in stone and wood maintenance and restoration; today, the company is one of the leading service companies in New York; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in raising awareness of the needs of the less fortunate, currently James Halpin holds numerous positions at several organizations, including a member of the Board of Trustees at Cademon School and a member of the National Board for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Vice Chair of the Florina Rusi Marke Breast Cancer Foundation, and Regional Chair for NIAF; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James Halpin serves on the Boards of the Hamilton Madison House, Race Against MS, the New York Chinese Opera Society, and is the Event Founder of St. Angela's Elementary School in the Bronx, as well as the co-Head of the Diabetes Research Institute Empire Ball Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, James Halpin has been a vital member of the Mercy Home Development Committee for 10 years, and is currently serving on the Executive Committee for the Sporting Clay's Event; and

WHEREAS, James Halpin is the proud father of two children, James and Kayla, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Halpin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Friend of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Halpin.