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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Century House upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Hospitality Excellence Award by the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau on March 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those businesses within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Century House upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Hospitality Excellence Award by the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting and Strategies Presentation on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The hospitality industry is an essential component of the Capital Region's economic vitality; this auspicious award is the only honor developed solely to recognize excellence in travel and tourism and represents the best of Albany's hospitality culture; and

WHEREAS, The history of the renowned Century House is a true reflection of the history of Albany, New York; in 1790, Stephen Van Rensselaer purchased several acres of the Latham property which then became part of the Rensselaerwyck Patroonship; and

WHEREAS, During this time, the land extended to Cohoes Falls and was rented to tenant farmers for an annual rent of wheat and fat fowl; and

WHEREAS, Purchased by Jim and Dorothy O'Hearn in 1949, the Century House, provides an excellent meal at a great value, as well as the experience of comfort and care for the body and soul; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Century House has served as a true "Public House" where guests and staff have become part of the family;

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WHEREAS, Over the years, the O'Hearn family grew the Century House to include larger dining rooms, banquet facilities and ultimately the Hotel and Conference center with pool, tennis court, wonderful half mile nature trail and more of the experience of the true spirit of service;

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WHEREAS, The Century House continues its family owned and operated traditions under the able leadership of the O'Hearn children, Tim and Susan, along with their cousin Colin DeMers, who became Managing Partner in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2009 the Century House solidified its commitment to the local community by developing its "Enjoy One Share One Program", whereby a meal is provided in their guests' honor to those in need through the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; the donation for every meal that is served and for every hotel room provided now totals more than 500,000; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Century House team are regular participants in the kitchens of countless regional shelters; and

WHEREAS, The Century House, with its steadfast dedication to giving back to the community, epitomizes the spirit of hospitality which is the hallmark of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Businesses such as the Century House exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges the Century House's success, recognizes its contributions to the local and State economies, and extends its highest commendation to the corporation and its employees, fully confident that, in its future, it

will enjoy the same success which has so characterized its past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor the Century House upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Hospitality Excellence Award by the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau on March 19, 2015; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Century House, Latham, New York.