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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rakif Rezkalla upon the occasion of becoming a United States Citizen

WHEREAS, Throughout history, our great Nation has been known as a place of hope and opportunity for countless people who have journeyed from afar, and across oceans, to build new lives for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay special honor to those people whose life journeys have carried them across the world to become enfranchised in the freedoms of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rakif Rezkalla upon the occasion of becoming a United States Citizen; he naturalized at a ceremony on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the James T. Foley Federal Courthouse in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Becoming a citizen of the United States is a very significant milestone; it marks the completion of a long naturalization process and the formal start of membership in this great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Citizenship comes with important rights and equally important responsibilities including the right to vote in elections and the responsibility to exercise that right and participate in our nation's democratic process; and

WHEREAS, It is with radiant pride that an individual can claim to be a Citizen of the United States, for in becoming a United States Citizen, an individual becomes part of an undying legacy of democracy and part of the august story which is America; and

WHEREAS, Rakif Rezkalla now personifies our shared commitment to preserve, enhance and yet affect that patrimony of freedom which is our American heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rakif Rezkalla upon the occasion of becoming a United States Citizen; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rakif Rezkalla.