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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Austin family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Quality of Life Award by Family Services on April 23, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Austin family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Quality of Life Award by Family Services, to be celebrated at its Annual Family of the Year Award Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Grandview, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 28 years, Family Services annually hosts the Family of the Year Award Dinner to commend individuals and families who have made significant contributions to the community and whose ideals reflect those of Family Services by providing hope, improving lives and strengthening the community; and

WHEREAS, The Austin family has been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A true entrepreneur, Bill Austin is CEO of several Gold's Gym franchises, including the LaGrange, New York location which hosts summer camps for hundreds of children and is the site of sports practices for hundreds more on their indoor soccer fields; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment to helping people live healthier lives, Bill Austin began his illustrious career as a Teacher in the City

of Poughkeepsie, and then as an Instructor and Coach at Marist College;
and

WHEREAS, Jane Austin spent her career as a Kindergarten Teacher in the City of Poughkeepsie School District; she has served as Board Chair of many local organizations such as the Poughkeepsie Garden Club, Meals on Wheels, and the Catharine Street Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jane Austin has been a Board Member and Officer of the Pleasant Valley Lions and Bellefield Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Bill Austin and Jane Austin, have generously supported many community organizations such as Family Services and Juvenile Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Jane Austin's two children, Kim and Bill, have followed in their parents' footsteps, giving of their time and energies to several organizations; and

WHEREAS, Kim was recognized in the Chamber of Commerce's 40 Under 40 Awards and is also a Board Member of "Go Red"; she and her husband Dave have two beautiful children, Austin and Kyra; Bill is also an entrepreneur in New York City, and has raised funds for many charities through various sporting events; he and his wife, Becky, have a daughter, Beatrice; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Austin family has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, The Austin family has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in their unwavering service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the Austin family has displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Austin family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Quality of Life Award by Family Services on April 23, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Austin family.