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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harold and Elayne Seaman upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from 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 Harold and Elayne Seaman upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from 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, Married for 65 years, Harold and Elayne Seaman will receive this auspicious award for their tireless dedication to enhance the quality of life in their community; they have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished painter, Elayne Seaman is well known throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond; she has served as Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson and Science Center, a Consultant to the Dutchess County Council, and Coordinator for the DCAC Fine Art Exhibit at the City of

Poughkeepsie Armory; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she served as Program Coordinator, working with the Dutchess County Historian's Office for the Bicentennial of the Ratification of the Constitution, and has worked as a Consultant with a variety of nonprofit organizations on public relations, fundraising, programs and special events; and

WHEREAS, Harold Seaman, affectionately known as Hal, is the Past President of the Gillespie Forum, and with his wife, was a founding member of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the World Affairs Council; they were also active in the PTA, serving as co-Presidents of the Poughkeepsie Middle School Parents and Teachers Association for the first two years of the school's creation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Harold and Elayne Seaman have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple have been steadfast supporters of the Mill Street Loft and the Community Foundation of Dutchess County through which they established the Claudia Ann Seaman Awards for Young Writers, in honor of their late daughter; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Elayne Seaman received the Marist College President's Award for Community Service, and one year later she was recipient of the Mill Street Loft's Friend of the Arts Award; both Elayne and Harold Seaman received the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Harold and Elayne Seaman have 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 Harold and Elayne Seaman have 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 Harold and Elayne Seaman upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Family Services on April 23, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harold and Elayne Seaman.