

## 2015-J1322

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Michaels Zahradnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dream Maker Award by Orange AHRC on April 9, 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 organizations and 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 Thomas Michaels Zahradnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dream Maker Award by Orange AHRC to be celebrated on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1954, Orange AHRC provides services and housing to children and adults with developmental disabilities including those with autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and intellectual and learning disorders; its mission is to assist people with disabilities in becoming respected and valued members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Orange AHRC is focused on promoting community membership for adults with disabilities in three major areas: employment, volunteerism, and group affiliation; through active engagement in public life, the men and women supported by the agency gain both respect and visibility; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michaels Zahradnick is the Chief Executive Officer at the Sound of Life Radio, and host of "The Sunday Brunch" and the daily "Prayer Minute;" in addition, he hosts the monthly Sound of Life "Heart 2 Heart" podcast; and

WHEREAS, A broadcaster with over 30 years of experience in both tele-

vision and radio, Thomas Michaels Zahradnick is an inspirational and motivational speaker to churches, businesses, and organizations, and has a flare for incorporating humor into all he does; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Thomas Michaels Zahradnick is an ordained minister and endorsed marketplace chaplain with US Missions Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God; he has served in a variety of roles in churches including associate pastor, and has extended his ministry beyond church walls to such areas as entertainment, government, and corporate America; and

WHEREAS, Currently, this remarkable man serves on the Board of Trustees for Valley Forge Christian College, the Board of Directors for the Walter Hoving Home, and as Hudson Valley Sectional Secretary for the New York District of the Assemblies of God; furthermore, he is a member of the National Religious Broadcasters International Committee; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michaels Zahradnick was instrumental in helping a local man with special needs tour the Sound of Life Radio Station; he has also provided mentorship and recording opportunities, while forging an enduring friendship; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Thomas Michaels Zahradnick has volunteered his time to educate administrators from Orange AHRC; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife of 28 years, Cathleen, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Thomas Michaels Zahradnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Dream Maker Award by the Orange AHRC; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Thomas Michaels Zahradnick.