

## 2015-J1354

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Benjamin and Mary Elmore upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, New York

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin and Mary Elmore have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Benjamin and Mary Elmore upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, New York, to be celebrated at its 13th Annual Unlocking the Possibilities Gala on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 60 State Place, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, New York, serves people living with autism in the Greater Capital District and their families; through advocacy, public awareness, education and compassionate support, it promotes lifelong access and opportunities for people on the autism spectrum and their families so they can be fully participating, included members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Benjamin and Mary Elmore have been sponsors of the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region; they will receive this auspicious award for actively pursuing ways to introduce creative work opportunities in the technology field for those on the Autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, A family who understands both the challenges and joys of sharing life with individuals with autism, Benjamin and Mary Elmore's

two sons, Haydn and Griffin, are both on the Autism spectrum, and will be celebrated at this auspicious event; and

WHEREAS, Longtime residents of the Capital District, in 2003, Benjamin and Mary Elmore co-founded their technology consulting services firm, Twin Technologies; since its inception, Twin Technologies has grown to be a home to over 75 consultants delivering solutions that change the way companies interact with their clients in a digital age; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Benjamin and Mary Elmore, companies such as Under Armour, Department of Labor, and Northwestern Mutual rely on Twin Technologies to architect and deliver solutions which drive key areas of their business; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin and Mary Elmore founded Twin Technologies based on the ethos of not only changing the digital business landscape, but also creating an outstanding company culture which encourages exploration of creativity and innovation; Twin Technologies has attracted talented individuals who share in this vision for the firm; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Benjamin and Mary Elmore's two sons, several members of the Twin Technologies team have children on the Autism spectrum; on behalf of this worthy firm, they are being celebrated and acknowledged at this auspicious event; and

WHEREAS, Today, Benjamin and Mary Elmore are the proud parents of five children, Olivia, Haydn, Sydney, Carrington, and Griffin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Benjamin and Mary Elmore 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 Benjamin and Mary Elmore upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin and Mary Elmore.