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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Amell for his philanthropic contributions to Joseph's House & Shelter

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, Tom Amell has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Amell for his philanthropic contributions to Joseph's House & Shelter which was celebrated at its Winter Walk and Love Thy Neighbor Festival Kick-off Gala on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's House & Shelter is a Troy community based not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to prevent and alleviate homelessness; its programs offer emergency shelter, permanent housing, support services, hospitality and guidance to homeless individuals, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's House & Shelter offers non-judgmental services where each guest's dignity and worth are recognized and respected; the corporation guides its guests in getting help from community agencies, and acts as an advocate for the homeless to address immediate and long term needs; and

WHEREAS, Last year, as Honorary Chair of the Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness, Tom Amell was instrumental in raising a significant amount of funds which was distributed among more than 20 agencies which provide homeless outreach, shelter, meals, housing, and services in the region; and

WHEREAS, Tom Amell will continue his role as Chair with a new goal of raising an increased amount of funds to provide quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, Today, this remarkable man is the President/CEO of Pioneer Bank; and

WHEREAS, Tom Amell has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tom Amell has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Tom Amell has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tom Amell for his philanthropic contributions to Joseph's House & Shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Amell.