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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring County Waste upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 businesses and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor County Waste upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc., to be celebrated at the Center's 21st Annual Dessert Spectacular on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1987, the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities lead happy and fulfilling lives; rooted in a philosophy of self-determination, the Center offers many services, including advocacy, peer counseling, and facilitates access to housing and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Leadership Award is granted annually to those businesses, such as County Waste, which have demonstrated their commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities; honorees have each in their own way helped make the community a more welcoming place for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The staff of County Waste strives to ensure reasonable accommodations are a priority for employees with disabilities; they are proactive in securing what is needed so that workers with disabilities are

provided equal opportunities to work to their full capacity as those without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Today, the unemployment rate for people with significant disabilities is 66 percent nationwide; the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc. proudly honors County Waste for hiring and accommodating those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when businesses of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor County Waste upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to County Waste.