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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John J. Kelliher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children on May 1, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life of the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, John J. Kelliher 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, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John J. Kelliher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children, to be celebrated at the 7th Annual SCCCript & SCCGreen Gala -- South Pacific, on Friday, May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 1886, a group of Roman Catholic nuns, the Daughters of Charity, opened a home for sick orphans at historic Schuyler Mansion in the city of Albany, New York; in 1913, the orphanage was moved to 40 North Main Avenue, and was officially named the St. Catherine's Center for Children; and

WHEREAS, St. Catherine's Center for Children provides a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families it serves; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff of St. Catherine's Center is pleased to recognize long-time friend, John J. Kelliher for his steadfast support for Albany institutions that make the Capital Region a better place to

live; his lifelong commitment to organizations that contribute to the enhancement of life for so many people, in business, human services and the arts, is worthy of special honor; and

WHEREAS, A native of Albany, John "Jake" Kelliher graduated from the Vincentian Institution, and then went on to earn his degree from Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana; he furthered his education by obtaining his Juris Doctor degree from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Kelliher completed the certificate program at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University, for Senior Executives in state and local government; and

WHEREAS, For many years, John Kelliher held numerous positions in various governmental entities, including Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel of the New York State Department of Commerce, Assistant Counsel to the New York State Governor, Assistant Counsel to the Governor's Office of Employee Relations, and Assistant Counsel to the State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1982-1995, John Kelliher held the position of Secretary of the New York State Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, After leaving state service, John Kelliher was employed as the Compliance Counsel and Director of Corporate Relations for Bullard, McLeod & Associates, a family-owned investment advisory firm; he officially retired from this position in 2003; and

WHEREAS, John J. Kelliher has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, John Kelliher has been a member of numerous Boards of Directors, including St. Catherine's Center for Chil-

dren, the Hospitality House, Children and Family Services, Consultation Center of the Diocese of Albany, and Capital Repertory Theatre, Historic Albany Foundation, Palace Theater, Teresian House Foundation, The Arse-

nal Business and Technology Partnership, Washington Park Neighborhood Association, Holy Cross Club of Eastern NY, Advisory Board of Government Law Center at Albany Law School; today, he is an active member of many of these vital organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, John J. Kelliher has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Christine Miles Kelliher, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John J. Kelliher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children on May 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John J. Kelliher.