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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse on May 7, 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 commend the Kaplan Family Foundations upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, at its Annual There's No Excuse for Child Abuse Gala and Silent Auction to be held at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Thursday, May 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1973, the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is a private, not-for-profit agency which provides educational programs, community outreach and services to minimize and end the cycle of child abuse and neglect in the Mid-Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Due to the Kaplan family's thoughtful vision, spirited commitment to the community and generous advocacy for countless organizations, and groups, the Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations have positively impacted their community in heartfelt ways that will be felt for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, William Kaplan and his late wife Elaine, passed their sense of commitment along to daughters Joan, Sheila, Deborah, and Amy, all of whom continue to share their parent's vision with their own children; and

WHEREAS, The Kaplan family's philanthropic efforts have contributed to the advancement and the creation of educational, health care and children's programs and facilities that have generated opportunities for countless residents in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, members of the Kaplan family have supported the city of Newburgh in numerous ways, including constructing or renovating numerous not-for-profit buildings, supporting St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties Inc., and The Greater Hudson Valley Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations has collaborated with Habitat for Humanity, Newburgh Day Nursery, The Holden Home, Congregation Agudas Israel, Jewish Family Services, Inspire, Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County, The Hudson Valley Boy Scout Council, and Occupations' Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Kaplan family's commitment to education provided the support needed for educational facilities, program enhancement, and scholarship programs at SUNY Orange, Mount Saint Mary College and McQuade Children's Services at St. Christopher's Campus; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations is focusing on several vital organizations, including the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, The National Purple Heart Museum, the Kol Yisrael Campus, and The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Dutchess and Orange Counties; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations have extended their philanthropic efforts to the Boston/North Shore area of Massachusetts by funding the Harvard Research Center for Neurological Diseases and The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Danvers; and

WHEREAS, The Kaplan Family and the Kaplan Family Charitable Foundations, which includes dedicated public board members, continue to demon-

strate a relentless, unparalleled and continuous devotion to their community and a willingness to help improve the lives of others; 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 commend the Kaplan Family Foundations upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse on May 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kaplan Family Foundations.