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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Victor Fariello for 37 years of outstanding service to the community

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Victor Fariello for 37 years of outstanding service to the community to be celebrated at a Testimonial Dinner held in his honor on Friday, May 8, 2015, at the Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, Victor Fariello began his career in the non-profit field in 1978, when he joined the New York Easter Seal Society at its Mohawk Valley Regional Office; after 18 months, he was named to the position of Regional Director; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Victor Fariello served Kiwanis International as both the District and the Foundation Secretary; in this capacity, he was responsible for such notable achievements as the relocation of the the New York District Kiwanis office in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also served as Central New York Walk Coordinator for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation; during his tenure, he established the organization's first office in Central New York, and planned and executed the highly successful Walk to Cure Diabetes, which recently celebrated its 17th anniversary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Victor Fariello was recruited to serve as the Capital

Campaign Coordinator for WSKG Public Television in Binghamton, New York, where he contributed greatly to its fundraising campaign for the PBS station's conversion to digital broadcast; in addition, he served as Newspaper in Education Coordinator for the OBSERVER-DISPATCH; and WHEREAS, In 2008, Victor Fariello was appointed Executive Director of the Rome Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; he successfully guided the merger of the Rome and Mohawk Valley Chapters, and was named Chapter Executive of the newly created organization; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Victor Fariello was responsible for the acquisition of the Cooperstown office into the Mohawk Valley Chapter, and the opening of two new Red Cross offices located in Rome and in Herkimer; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Victor Fariello was recently named the first Executive Director in the history of the Rome Community Foundation, an organization which makes substantial contributions to area charities; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Victor Fariello served on the New Hartford Central School Board of Education for 16 years, including two terms as President; he was also a founding member of the New Hartford Central School District Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Today, Victor Fariello serves as volunteer Agency Development Chair for the Mohawk Valley Perinatal Network and as Director Emeritus of the National Alumni Council of Utica College; and

WHEREAS, Victor Fariello also contributes to such worthy causes as the Rome Lions Club, Rome Dollars for Scholars, the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Committee, and the Boilermaker Road Race; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Victor Fariello 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 Victor Fariello has displayed

throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Victor Fariello for 37 years of outstanding service to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victor Fariello.