

2015-J1786

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Demarco upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the National Hometown Hero Award

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, Joseph Demarco 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 Joseph Demarco upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the National Hometown Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Demarco 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, Born in Buffalo and residing in Orchard Park, Joseph Demarco holds a Business degree from the University at Buffalo; he is Founder of and a volunteer pilot with Wings Flights of Hope, Inc., a nonprofit organization established to help people in need of free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, "giving hope to others, one flights at a time," these volunteer pilots such as Joseph Demarco ensure that transportation does not stand in the way of a patient receiving the best possible treatment available; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the auspicious National Hometown Hero Award, Joseph Demarco received an Endeavor Award on May 4, 2014, at the California Science Center in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Joseph Demarco is a steadfast volunteer with numerous organizations and donates his platelets biweekly to

the Roswell Park Cancer Institute; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diane, and their son, Joseph, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joseph Demarco has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Joseph Demarco upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the National Hometown Hero Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Demarco.