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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William H. Chellis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young adults within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William H. Chellis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and

WHEREAS, William H. Chellis, attorney and minister, was selected for this esteemed recognition for being hardworking, ambitious, and creative; and

WHEREAS, A seventh generation son of Jeffersonville, New York, William H. Chellis earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Villanova University School of Law, and his Master of Divinity degree from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Today, William H. Chellis is an attorney and minister who lived in Rochester, New York, before moving back to Jeffersonville three years ago with his family to open his own practice and pastor local churches; and

WHEREAS, William H. Chellis's law practice specializes in workers' compensation, family law, personal injury, wills and trusts, DWI, real estate, and Social Security disability, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Along with their three children, William H. Chellis and his wife, Katrina, reside in an historic house in Jeffersonville, which dates back to 1903; the structure that once housed the Griffin House Bed

and Breakfast, in 1890, the land to build the house was purchased by his mother's great-great-grandfather; its renovations are a testament to the value of knowing where William came from, and keeping its history alive for future generations; and

WHEREAS, As an ordained minister, William H. Chellis delivers sermons at his two parishes, the Jeffersonville and Kenoza Lake United Methodist churches; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his law practice and ministry, William H. Chellis spends his time and energies as a member on the Board of Directors for JEMS (Jeffersonville Enhances More of Sullivan), a Sullivan Renaissance group which, for more than a decade, has sought to beautify the village; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 16 years, Katrina, and their three children, Elizabeth, William, and Mary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 honor William H. Chellis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Young Professionals Award by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William H. Chellis.