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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John C. Cappello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015

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 John Cappello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is being honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission in recognition of his steadfast dedication to his community and his work to build better relationships among diverse people, encouraging them to participate in community life on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, John Cappello was born and raised in a working-class culturally diverse neighborhood in Niagara Falls, New York during the height of the baby boom generation; he earned his bachelor's degree from the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, John Cappello serves as the

President of the Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc. (RECAP), an organization which strives to give individuals assistance out of poverty; he has been instrumental in the success of numerous programs in the Hudson Valley on zoning and land use issues focusing on providing workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Cappello works with the Josephine-Louise Library in Walden, offering resources to individuals within the community to educate them and to enhance their lives; and

WHEREAS, John Cappello has spent his illustrious career in law as a steadfast and tireless advocate for those in need of affordable housing in the region; he also serves on the Pattern for Progress Affordable Housing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, John Cappello 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 John Cappello 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 John Cappello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015; and be it further

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