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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Nolly Climes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his 22 years as Program Director for Rehab Support Services by Helping Others Needing Our Resources on May 21, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Nolly Climes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his 22 years as Program Director for Rehab Support Services to be celebrated at Helping Others Needing Our Resources' Annual Dinner, on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club, Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Helping Others Needing Our Resources (HONOR) provides individualized and integrated services to people who may be combating chemical dependency, in need of transitional housing, or requiring crisis intervention; and

WHEREAS, The staff of HONOR is committed to reconstructing the self-esteem, self-sufficiency, and dignity of our clients through access to counseling, training in marketable employment skills, and above all, nonjudgmental compassion and care; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in La Republica Dominicana, Nolly Climes earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York, and then went on to receive his Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York; and
WHEREAS, A licensed Mental Health Counselor, Nolly Climes taught at Marist College for three years; currently, he holds the position of Assistant Professor in the Behavior Science Department at SUNY Orange, a title he has held for the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Nolly Climes has been working at Rehabilitation

Support Services (RSS), Inc. in various capacities, including the last 22 years as Program Director in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Nolly Climes has played a key role in the expansion of RSS in both Orange and Sullivan Counties and his programs have been recognized for providing quality and innovative services to hundreds of individuals; and

WHEREAS, For the last 12 years, Nolly Climes has held the position of President of the Joint Membership of Health and Community Agencies (JMHCA); under his luminous leadership, membership has doubled and Orange County was included in the Downstate rate for Supported Housing; and

WHEREAS, In addition, JMHCA has partnered with the Orange County Department of Mental Health and the Department of Social Services on many projects and training, as well as with the Orange County Department of Parks on the Community in Concert; and

WHEREAS, Nolly Climes 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, Nolly Climes also serves on numerous Boards of Directors including the TIMES HERALD RECORD People for People Fund, Orange County Department of Parks and Recreation, Orange County Office for the Aging, Human Rights Commission, and the Cornell Cooperative Extension; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Nolly Climes was a former member of the New York State Office of Mental Health Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee, and the TIMES HERALD RECORD Editorial Board; and

WHEREAS, For 22 years, Nolly Climes has served as a member of the choir at the Church of the Assumption in Maybrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, When Nolly is not working or serving his community, he enjoys listening to and playing music, reading Latin American literature, watching baseball, and spending time with his family; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary Flannery Climes, and his daughter, Joan Dilia, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Nolly Climes has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nolly Climes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his 22 years as Program Director for Rehab Support Services by Helping Others Needing Our Resources on May 21, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nolly Climes.