

## 2015-J2333

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Scott Nelson Foster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery on November 15, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to those individuals who serve to enhance the cultural enrichment of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Scott Nelson Foster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery which was celebrated at its annual Winter Gala on Saturday, November 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Re-established in 2012, the Albany Center Gallery Artist of the Year Award is presented in memory of Mona Ruth Brickman, a beloved supporter of the arts and the Albany Center Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Scott Nelson Foster received his first instruction in drawing and painting from his uncle, Roland Giampaoli, and from his grandfather, Will Nelson, while growing up in Boise, Idaho; they taught him a variety of expressive and tightly controlled watercolor techniques; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man later studied with Jonathan Puls and Tyrus Clutter at Northwest Nazarene University; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Northwest Nazarene University, Scott Nelson Foster pursued his Master's of Fine Arts at Utah State University; he experimented heavily with medieval and Renaissance methods of painting, drawing on the experience of his professors and their love of the physical process of painting; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of his Master's of Fine Arts, Scott Nelson Foster joined the faculty at Utah State University as a lecturer and

taught a variety of drawing and painting classes, including everything from basic drawing and design to figure painting; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Scott Nelson Foster left Utah to take up a post as Assistant Professor of Studio Art at Siena College in Loudonville, New York, where he continues to make outstanding contributions to the arts community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the vitality of our artistic communities 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 Scott Nelson Foster upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott Nelson Foster.