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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by Counseling Care & Services

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, Ronald J. Canestrari 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 Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by Counseling Care & Services which was celebrated at its Care Awards Presentation and Reception on Friday, November 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, A native of Cohoes, New York, Ronald J. Canestrari attended public schools in Cohoes, and graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Canestrari earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham College in 1965, followed by a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1968; and

WHEREAS, From 1969 to 1971, Ronald J. Canestrari proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army where he worked as an attorney for the federal government and the army; and

WHEREAS, From 1976 to 1989, Ronald J. Canestrari served as Mayor of Cohoes; during his tenure, he was an active member of the New York State Conference of Mayors, serving as President; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Canestrari served as a member of the New York State Assembly from 1989 to 2013; from 2007 to 2013, he held the esteemed

position of Majority Leader; in addition, he served as the Chair of the Higher Education Committee, and was a member of Standing Committees including Banks, Labor, Local Governments, Rules, and Ways & Means; and WHEREAS, Ronald J. Canestrari has dedicated his life to serving Cohoes and its surrounding communities; his selfless devotion to public service has positively impacted the local community, as well as across the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Canestrari 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, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ronald J. Canestrari 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 Ronald J. Canestrari has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award by Counseling Care & Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald J. Canestrari.