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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Corbett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Founder's Award by Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, Inc. on June 17, 2015

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William Corbett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Founder's Award by Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Graduation Celebration on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the Italian American Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Corbett 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, Longtime President of Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, William Corbett has been instrumental in the profound success of this vital organization; he will step down from this esteemed position during the summer of 2015, after many years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for each of his students, William Corbett provides both advice and guidance to countless individuals, ensuring their successful completion of college; under his able leadership, the organization has grown from 130 students in high school and college to

its present size of 450 students, and will celebrate its 200th graduate this Spring; and

WHEREAS, William Corbett has truly strengthened Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar's role in the community through his active involvement in many local organizations; he is the current Board Chair of the St. Anne's Institute Board of Directors and President of the Dartmouth Club of Eastern New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he holds a Directors position with the National alumni association for The College of Saint Rose and is the District Grant Sub-Committee Chair for 7190 of Rotary; he is an Adviser for the Black and Latino Achievers program with the Capital District YMCA and an Ambassador for the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 32 years, Diane, and their two sons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which William Corbett has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Corbett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the Founder's Award by Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, Inc. on June 17, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to William Corbett.