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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Rossi and John Blackburn upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Revitalize Troy Award by the Downtown Troy Business Improvement District

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, are 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Rossi and John Blackburn upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Revitalize Troy Award by the Downtown Troy Business Improvement District (BID) which was celebrated at the BID's annual dinner on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at Franklin Plaza in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Downtown Troy BID is to cultivate and advocate for the economic growth of Downtown Troy by creating an inviting, dynamic, and sustainable community which celebrates the city's history while building towards its future; it is dedicated to improving the quality of life within the district to further enhance and make the community a vibrant, attractive destination for visitors, businesses, residents, property owners, workers and students; and

WHEREAS, Tom Rossi and John Blackburn are both graduates of RPI who returned to Troy recently and became part of the city's revitalization; in 2013, they bought the building at 172-176 River Street, which was previously the home of Nelick's Furniture; and

WHEREAS, These esteemed businessmen transformed their building into the River Street Lofts, an apartment complex consisting of 21 one-bedroom units powered by solar energy; and

WHEREAS, Tom Rossi and John Blackburn continue to actively look for new investments to contribute to the betterment of Troy; 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 Tom Rossi and John Blackburn upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2014 Revitalize Troy Award by the Downtown Troy Business Improvement District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Rossi and John Blackburn.