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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Albany Area Housing Opportunities upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by United Tenants of Albany on June 25, 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 honor Albany Area Housing Opportunities upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by United Tenants of Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at St. Vincent De Paul Parish Hall, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Albany Area Housing Opportunities (AAHO) was established in 1981, by the Focus Churches as well as neighborhood and housing activists in response to the displacement of low-income individuals from Albany's South Mall neighborhoods due to escalating rent and gentrification; and

WHEREAS, With both private and public support, AAHO was able to purchase and renovate a large building in the Center Square neighborhood which had for years prior, been occupied by low-income families; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization created seven apartments, establishing homes for individuals of limited income who would otherwise be unable to afford to live in this neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In addition, AAHO later purchased and renovated three buildings on lower Hudson Avenue, developing three large family apartments, a two bedroom apartment, and three commercial storefronts; and

WHEREAS, Albany Area Housing Opportunities is the first nonprofit housing organization in New York State to develop limited equity condominiums on Hudson Avenue, adjacent to the rental units; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, under the luminous direction of its Project Manager, Charlie Sullivan, AAHO has remained tirelessly committed to its mission of insuring affordable housing opportunities in these historic neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 34 year history, Albany Area Housing Opportunities has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Albany Area Housing Opportunities is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Albany Area Housing Opportunities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Albany Area Housing Opportunities upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by United Tenant of Albany on June 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Albany Area Housing Opportunities.