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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Man of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals of preeminent character whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity and whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Man of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce, Merrick, New York; and

WHEREAS, This special occasion will be celebrated at the Merrick Chamber of Commerce 81st Annual Installation Dinner on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently, has been designated for this most prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) since 2014, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. is worthy of this meritorious honor; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. served as a member of the New York State Senate for nearly 16 years prior to his appointment to the AFA; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the New York State Senate, Charles J.

Fuschillo, Jr. authored more than 200 state laws and chaired the Senate Consumer Protection and Transportation Committees; he also served on the Senate Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, Under Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.'s luminous leadership, the AFA's presence has grown nationally; he has increased critical assistance to individuals confronting dementia as well as to their caregivers and their families; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. has been honored for his dedication and commitment to his work at AFA and to a lifetime of community service; recently, he was the recipient of many awards and accolades including Long Island Cares, Inc., Harry Chapin Food Bank's Humanitarian Award, Francis X. Pendl Firefighters Award, and the 2014 Badge of Courage from the Firefighters Museum as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award from New York State Grand Lodge Foundation, Order Sons of Italy; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of a non-profit family service agency serving Long Island and New York City, and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree from Adelphi University, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community 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 Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as

recipient of the 2016 Man of the Year Award by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

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

mitted to Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.