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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Francis Murdock Pitts upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Community Hero Award by Unity House of Troy, New York

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, Francis Murdock Pitts has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Francis Murdock Pitts upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Community Hero Award to be celebrated on Friday, February 12, 2016, at the Unity House of Troy Gala at Pat's Barn, Rensselaer Technology Park, Rensselaer, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Community Hero Award recognizes the achievements, commitment and dedication of individuals who go above and beyond for their institutions and community performing acts of goodwill and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Francis Murdock Pitts, affectionately known as Frank, is the founding partner and President of architecture+; he has earned a national reputation for his work with psychiatric hospital design and planning as well as design for special populations, long term care, and secure institutions; and

WHEREAS, With over 30 years of experience with this project type, Frank Pitts has been involved in a broader range of psychiatric hospital design projects than anyone in North America, including the new Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Recently featured in THE BOSTON GLOBE for his psychiatric hospital design work, Frank Pitts' expertise is regularly solicited by colleagues and providers throughout the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Frank Pitts has been an instrumental member of the healthcare design community, serving as a leader of the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health and the American College of Healthcare Architects; and

WHEREAS, As a founding member and Fellow of the American College of

Healthcare Architects, Frank Pitts helped to establish national certification credentials for healthcare architects; and

WHEREAS, While shaping the regulatory environment, Frank Pitts served from 2007-2014 on the committee which writes the FGI/AIA Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities, the national standard for design and construction of healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, Frank Pitts also authored a majority of the recent revisions and additions to the Guidelines Standards for Psychiatric Hospital Design; and

WHEREAS, Frank Pitts has been a leader in the AIA at the local, state, and national level; he served as President of AIA Eastern New York in 2007 and AIA New York State in 2010, was a member of the AIA National Board in 2011-2013, and has been elected to serve as the National Vice President in 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Frank Pitts has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Frank Pitts has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Francis Murdock Pitts upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Community Hero Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Francis Murdock Pitts.