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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andrew Komonchak upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. on February 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Komonchak has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Komonchak upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Tuition Assistance Program on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Komonchak 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, With a true passion for our nation's veterans, Andrew Komonchak has been tirelessly committed to ensuring those who serve our country receive the respect, honor and recognition they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Komonchak is the Executive Director of National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., an organization he helped found which raises funds and awareness for the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of this vital organization, Andrew Komonchak has been instrumental in its paramount success, raising substantial funds to begin Phase One of the much-needed enhancement of the Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Andrew Komonchak owned ARK Graphics, a marketing consulting company; during this time his clients included regional businesses, as well as several nonprofit organizations within the community to whom he donated much of his time and talent; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Komonchak graduated from Leadership Orange in 2007, during which time he joined the Board of Directors of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Inc., the Orange County Arts Council, and Leadership Orange; he also served as the Chairman of the Orange County Citizens Foundation's Public Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Andrew Komonchak serves on the Boards of Hudson Valley Honor Flight and Research & Recognition Project-PTSD Treatment, and has greatly contributed to the success of Newburgh Armory as a community center in the heart of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Komonchak is a highly regarded and respected leader in the community; he received the 2010 Pinnacle of Leadership Award from Leadership Orange, and three years later was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was honored with the prestigious Ruth and James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation for his long-standing stellar commitment to Orange County; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Andrew Komonchak has displayed throughout his life; 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 Andrew Komonchak upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. on February 6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Komonchak.