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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James T. Towne, Jr., Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Legal Project Champion Award

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, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James T. Towne, Jr., Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Legal Project Champion Award; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Pro Bono Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Legal Project Champion Award is given to an individual who has made a tremendous difference in supporting the work of The Legal Project and promoting its goal of access to justice for all; and

WHEREAS, James T. Towne, Jr. 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, After honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Navy, James T. Towne, Jr. earned his law degree from Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, James T. Towne, Jr. went on to become a founding partner of Towne, Ryan & Partners, P.C., the largest certified WBE law firm in Upstate New York, as well as in 57 of the 62 counties of New York; the firm is dedicated to pairing quality legal services with individual

client attention in order to achieve desired objectives; and

WHEREAS, Widely respected in the legal community for his dedication to pro bono work, James T. Towne, Jr. has been appearing on the list of Upstate New York Super Lawyers for nine consecutive years, and on the "Top 25" Hudson Valley Lawyers List; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, James T. Towne, Jr. gives of his time and energies to countless local non-profits, and serves on the Boards of such organizations as the Legal Aid Society, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society; he is also a Trustee for the Loisaba Community Conservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Through his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to pro bono service, James T. Towne, Jr. has been instrumental in filling the gap of the unmet legal needs in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, James T. Towne, Jr. 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 James T. Towne, Jr. 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 James T. Towne, Jr., Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Legal Project Champion Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James T. Towne, Jr., Esq.