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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Castellana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Golden Lion Award by the Order Sons of Italy in America, Roma Intangible Lodge No. 215

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 Michael J. Castellana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Golden Lion Award by the Order Sons of Italy in America, Roma Intangible Lodge No. 215; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 102nd Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Mansion at Century Hill, Selkirk, New York; and

WHEREAS, President and CEO of SEFCU, Michael J. Castellana is being honored with this auspicious award for embracing the philosophy of "People Helping People," and for his steadfast commitment to changing people's lives; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Castellana began his illustrious career with the credit union as a member of the Executive Management Team in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as President and CEO, Michael J. Castellana has been a catalyst for the organization to become the largest credit union in the Capital Region and the seventh in New York State; he has overseen six mergers of the credit union in the Capital Region, the Southern Tier of New York and the Buffalo Region; and

WHEREAS, A renowned leader in the industry, Michael J. Castellana has been chosen to Chair the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council, and serves as President of the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the University Council at the University at Albany in 2013, and currently serves as its Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Castellana truly embodies the notion of giving back to the community by serving as the Chairman of the SEFCU Foundation which provides resources to support children's causes; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Michael J. Castellana gives of his time and energies to many local organizations including, the University at Albany Foundation, Fuller Road Management Corporation, Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board, the Albany Promise Executive Council, Credit Union National Association, and the Governmental Affairs Committee of the New York Credit Union Association; he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Capitalize Albany Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Michael J. Castellana 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 his community which Michael J. Castellana has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, 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 Michael J. Castellana upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Golden Lion Award by the Order Sons of Italy in America, Roma Intangible Lodge No. 215; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Castellana.