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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Riley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award by the Sister Maureen Joyce Center on February 9, 2016

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Riley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award by the Sister Maureen Joyce Center to be celebrated at its 4th Annual Dinner at Century House, Latham, New York, on Tuesday, February 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award is given annually to persons, organizations, and businesses which have demonstrated commitment to the spirit of the Sister Maureen Joyce Center through their outreach or advocacy on behalf of the poor and vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The Sister Maureen Joyce Center is a collaborative project between Catholic Charities, Blessed Sacrament Parish, the Ladies of Charity, and Congregation Beth Emeth, which provides members of its community with basic necessities such as food, health care, and mentoring services for young people; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Albany, New York, John Riley attended Vincentian Institute; after graduation, he earned his bachelor's degree in Architecture from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his degree, John Riley returned to his home-

town to practice his trade; in 1997, he and his partner Dick Hoffman founded the firm of Hoffman & Riley, Architects; and

WHEREAS, John Riley married his wife, Diane, and they happily raised five children, three of which are also graduates of both Albany Diocese parochial schools and Catholic Colleges; and

WHEREAS, John Riley and his wife are faithful congregants at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albany, New York, where they are proud participants of the Parish's outreach programs and assist in serving those who are less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Together, the couple are actively involved with both the Wildwood and Living Resources developmental programs which serve the needs of two of his children; and

WHEREAS, Currently, John Riley serves on the Academy of Holy Names Board of Directors where he chairs the Facility Committee, and the Albany Diocesan Architecture and Building Commission, as well as the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, John and Diane Riley also volunteer their time and energies at the Sister Maureen Center; in addition, Hoffman & Riley has been involved in a number of other diocesan projects including the recently relocated Bishop Maginn High School; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which John Riley has displayed throughout his life; 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 John Riley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Distinguished Service Award by the Sister

Maureen Joyce Center on February 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Riley.