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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sonny Bonacio upon the occasion of being named the 2016 ChangeMaker by the Capital Region Chamber

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, Sonny Bonacio 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 Sonny Bonacio upon the occasion of being named the 2016 ChangeMaker by the Capital Region Chamber to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Chamber helps build a stronger community by connecting its members to people, businesses and issues important to New York's Capital Region; it provides leadership and resources to assist 2,800 businesses and organizations from throughout Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bonacio is being honored for his vision, leadership, and community investment which has helped transform the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Saratoga Springs, New York, Sonny Bonacio is a graduate of Saratoga Springs High School, and earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Canton; and

WHEREAS, Since 1989, Sonny Bonacio has served as Owner and President of Bonacio Construction, Inc. while also playing a vital role in his community; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Bonacio has been called upon to contribute his time and

talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has ably served as a member of the Saratoga Builders Association, the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Executive Committee, and the Saratoga Regional YMCA Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Sonny Bonacio was a former member of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Saratoga Springs Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance Development Committee, the Saratoga Springs Traffic Committee, Saratoga Springs Historic Review Legislation Update Committee, and Workforce Housing Partnership of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed business leader has also participated as a member of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Business Association, as well as a Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Saratoga Program Expert Panelist; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Sonny Bonacio has served on Saratoga's All-American Celebration Committee, Saratoga Bridges Annual Gala Planning Committee Chairpersons, and continues to participate as an Honorary Chairperson for numerous charitable organizations in Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Sonny Bonacio has been presented with the 2013 Albany Business Review Game Changer Award, the 2012 American Planning Association Upstate Chapter Planning Excellence for Sustaining Places, and both THE SARATOGIAN's 2002 20 Under 40 Achievement Award, and the CAPITAL DISTRICT BUSINESS REVIEW's 2001 40 Under 40 Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Julie, and their three children, Gianna, William, and Luca, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sonny Bonacio 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 Sonny Bonacio has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Sonny Bonacio upon the occasion of being named the 2016 ChangeMaker by the Capital Region Chamber; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sonny Bonacio.