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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Finnerty upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Hamburg Town Rink Adult Volunteer of the Year by SABAH, the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped

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 Finnerty upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Hamburg Town Rink Adult Volunteer of the Year by SABAH (Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped); and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, SABAH assists people of all ages and abilities in developing and achieving personal goals through various sports opportunities; these individuals are given the resources and support to experience success and to become proud of their capabilities through its many special needs sports programs; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others, Michael Finnerty volunteers with SABAH every Saturday, during which time he enthusiastically engages and provides tremendous support to the athletes; he continues to bring his good natured sense of humor and fun to the program at Hamburg Town Rink; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael Finnerty also supports SABAH by engaging his children, Brian and Katie, as volunteers in the program; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michael Finnerty 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 Michael Finnerty upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Hamburg Town Rink Adult Volunteer of the Year by SABAH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Finnerty.