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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frederick W. Erlich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award by the SUNY Albany Alumni Association

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 Frederick W. Erlich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award by the SUNY Albany Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Erlich, affectionately known as Fred, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University at Albany in 1969, and a master's degree from the University at Albany's School of Social Welfare in 1972; he later went on to earn a master's degree in business administration from the University at Albany School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, Frederick W. Erlich served as assistant director for the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and executive director for the New York State chapter of the National Society for Autistic Children; he co-founded Living Resources in 1974, and became the CEO in 1981, the esteemed position he continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Frederick W. Erlich has seen Living Resources grow from residential services to full-range community, clin-

ical, educational and care-at-home services expanded to brain injured survivors, veterans and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role at Living Resources, Frederick W. Erlich teaches management, organizational behavior and social welfare courses at the University at Albany and Hudson Valley Community College; he has presented at more than 50 conferences and has been published in several national magazines; and

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Erlich also partnered with the College of Saint Rose to create the College Experience Program which allows young adults to obtain essential life skills within a college environment; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man has been recognized for championing assistive technology projects, and recently helped initiate the University at Albany's Assistive Living Technologies conference to help create startups in this sector; he has truly made an impact globally through his assistance in creating new services for individuals with disabilities in China; and

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Erlich possesses the refreshing combination of being a person who not only loves his career, but has the knowledge, skills and leadership to excel at it; he has been recognized numerous times for his achievements in public service, receiving the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy Distinguished Alumni Award; the Bishop Hubbard Award; the Hudson Valley Community College Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Ed Roberts Advocacy Award from the Center for Independence of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was named Visionary in the Field of Aging and Disabilities by the Capital Area Consortium on Aging and Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Frederick W. Erlich has been a Rotary Club member for more than 20 years and a member of the NYISO Consumer Advisory Council, HSBC Advisory Committee, and Albany County Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, A true public servant, Frederick W. Erlich has served on the Regional Food Bank board of directors and was treasurer of Tech Valley Health Kids; he is currently on the board of trustees for both the Daughters of Sarah and The International Center for the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, From providing a means for thousands of disabled individuals to grow and flourish, to inspiring students and lending his voice across multiple community organizations, Frederick W. Erlich's service has had a tremendous impact on the welfare of the Capital Region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Frederick W. Erlich 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 Frederick W. Erlich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Public Service Award by the SUNY Albany Alumni Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick W. Erlich.