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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gerald Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wright has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerald Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 31st Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce works to foster a positive business environment in Bethlehem and the surrounding region through partnerships with local, county and state officials and community organizations, and, each year, proudly honors those in the community, such as Gerald Wright, who help to further these goals; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Gerald Wright's father, the late Robert E. Wright, started Robert Wright Disposal, Inc. to provide quality waste removal services to the community; after 67 years in business, the Company, located in Slingerlands, New York, is still a private, family-owned business, which is now operated by Gerald, his wife Susan, and grandson, Robert D. Wright; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wright employs 20 people and provides residential waste removal services to residents of the Town of Bethlehem, Town of Coeymans, Town of New Scotland, and the Villages of Ravena and Voorheesville; sister company, Cart Away, provides roll-off containers for

construction, demolition, and household clean-outs; and

WHEREAS, Some of Gerald Wright's achievements during his illustrious career, include working with the Town of Bethlehem to implement single stream recycling and working hand-in-hand with officials from the Town of New Scotland to privatize trash removal in their town; he is currently coordinating with the City of Albany to provide information on automated collection services; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wright has also provided the Bethlehem Central Middle School with recycling bins for every classroom, and donates dumpster deliveries for the town's Hazardous Waste and Recycling Days and Spring Cleanup events; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wright has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A long-time sponsor of many sports teams including Tri-Village Little League, Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League, Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field and the Soccerplex, Gerald Wright contributes to field signs and advertising during the season; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Gerald Wright has supported local community organizations such as To Life! and the Tri-Village Nursery School as well as the Bethlehem Central High School's Senior Celebration and the Lady Eagles Invitational; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gerald Wright has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Susan, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gerald Wright has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals 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 Gerald Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald Wright.