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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sean Donlon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission

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 Sean Donlon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is being honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission in recognition of his steadfast dedication to the community and his work to build better relationships among diverse people, encouraging them to participate in community life on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, A respected English teacher, Sean Donlon co-facilitated the Orange County BOCES CTE Society for Acceptance in order to foster greater respect and understanding among all regardless of racial, religious, or cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Sean Donlon worked to devise a legis-

tical solution for allowing large numbers of students to be involved in the club; due largely to his tremendous efforts and persistence, the Society for Acceptance grew in numbers and included more than 100 students from 12 different academies and two locations; and

WHEREAS, Sean Donlon was also instrumental in developing numerous successful activities and events including the Stopping Bullying through Acts of Kindness project which called upon student volunteers to prevent bullying through acts of kindness and positive thinking; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Sean Donlon helped oversee the CTE Day of Silence in which students and staff championed the cause for diversity by participating in a silent protest to promote acceptance for groups associated within the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sean Donlon 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 Sean Donlon 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 Sean Donlon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on April 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sean Donlon.