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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Glenn Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the HealthAlliance Foundation

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, Glenn Decker 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 Glenn Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the HealthAlliance Foundation, to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Tulip Ball held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Lazy Swan Golf & Country Club Village in Saugerties, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year the HealthAlliance Foundation of Kingston, New York proudly honors those individuals who have contributed to the well-being and vitality of their community at its Annual Tulip Ball; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Decker is being presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his 34 years of service to the Ulster County community, and for his tireless efforts working to help improve the lives of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Ulster County, Glenn Decker is the son of Chester and Hazel Decker, and grew up in New Paltz, New York, with his 11 siblings; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in Economics, Glenn Decker began his career in public service with Ulster County serving as Director of Job Training programs in 1974; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Glenn Decker was appointed Deputy County Administrator, a position in which he worked with 45 county departments overseeing departmental expenditures and monitoring budgets as well as personnel management; and

WHEREAS, Following his appointment as Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Social Services (DSS), Glenn Decker was responsible for management of the county's largest department and a staff of 300 employees; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure as Commissioner, Glenn Decker ably served as Chair of the Early Intervention Council setting policy and funding for early intervention programs, and expertly oversaw the management of such important programs as Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Support Enforcement and Family Assistance; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Commissioner Glenn Decker continually followed a philosophy of always being fair and supportive of family unity, child safety and development and parental responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Since retiring from public service in 2006, Glenn Decker has continued to serve his community as a member of the Board of Directors of the HealthAlliance Foundation where he has contributed in such vital leadership capacities as Finance Committee Chair, first Vice President and Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Decker 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 served on numerous local boards including Ulster Region Federal Credit Union and the Policy Committee of the Ulster County Healthy Living Partnership for the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Glenn Decker acted as an Ambassador for the Cancer Society and as a member of both the Private Industry Council and the Workforce Development Board; he also served as Vice President of the New York State Public Welfare Association representing all DSS commis-

sioners in New York State; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Glenn Decker was presented with the Maurice Hinchey Award for Service and Dedication to the Development of Family Practice in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the 2008 Kings Kids Hero Award from the Heroes In Our Own Backyard Program; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Glenn Decker is an ordained Elder in the Hurley Reformed Church, serving two terms on the Consistory and as an Elder of the Greater Consistory; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 44 years, Debbie, and their two children, Christopher (Keri) and Caitlin, 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, Glenn Decker has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 Glenn Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the HealthAlliance Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Glenn Decker.