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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Esposito upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany

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 Esposito upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities

to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Long Island, Michael Esposito attended Union College in Schenectady, New York, and shortly after graduation, began his illustrious career as a businessman, opening the bar, The Brothers Three; and

WHEREAS, Michael Esposito spent 10 years working as an engineer for General Electric in Schenectady before taking a management position at DePaula Chevrolet where he worked for five years; he then spent 10 years at Fairchild Semiconductor; and

WHEREAS, During the late 1990s, Michael Esposito started as a sales representative at AutoMate, and was quickly promoted to Vice President of Sales and Marketing where he helped expand the business and significantly grow sales; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, AutoMate was sold and Mike Esposito became the CEO of the company; under his luminous direction, the business has grown to house more than 130 staff with more than 1,100 customers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has been awarded Number One CEO for mid-sized companies by the TIMES UNION, and AutoMate has been awarded the TIMES UNION Top Workplaces award for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Michael Esposito currently serves on the board of the Center for Community Justice in Schenectady, where he helps the greater community rebuild lives while easing the financial and administrative burden on social service agencies, overcrowded jails, and local courts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 42 years, Robin, and their three children, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom

feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Michael Esposito 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 Esposito upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

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