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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vincent J. Abramo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

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 Vincent J. Abramo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, to be celebrated at its Annual Alumni Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2016, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Abramo is in the Career Civil Service serving in the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) at the United States Department of State; for the past 25 years he has managed OBO construction site safety and occupational health programs; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Vincent J. Abramo is responsible for the safety, health and general welfare of more than 16,000 foreign construction workers employed by large American and international contractors to perform building construction tasks on U.S. Department of State properties; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Abramo deals regularly with American and foreign construction company executives as well as the hundreds of foreign

construction laborers and supervisors who are in their employ; his focus is to protect the lives, dignity, and human rights of the workers; and WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Vincent J. Abramo has effectively built loyalty, trust and a mutual respect that has effectively contributed to the establishment of optimal construction work environments; and

WHEREAS, Since the beginning of his tenure in 1991, as construction safety and occupational health manager, more than one billion worker hours have been completed with a remarkably low incident rate of construction accidents; and

WHEREAS, In addition, there have been no incidents of violent disturbances or physical threats by foreign workers inside the perimeter of project sites, including major renovations in fully occupied United States Embassy buildings; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Abramo's varied international and domestic career initiatives including the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Peace Corps, U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps Program, U.S. Peoples Republic of China Science & Technology Protocols, and consulting contracts with the World Bank have taken him to more than 160 countries and most of the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University at Albany in 1967, Vincent J. Abramo pursued graduate degrees at Georgetown University Graduate School of Government and the University of Lyon in France; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, as part of the U.S. Department of State's part-time evening master's program at the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency's National Intelligence University, Vincent J. Abramo was awarded the Master of Science Strategic Intelligence with distinction; and

WHEREAS, From 2005 to 2012, Vincent J. Abramo returned to the National Intelligence University's graduate evening program in studies focused on events in Eastern Europe, Russia and the Ukraine beginning with German reunification and the collapse of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Abramo is a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law & National Security, the National Intelligence University Alumni Association and a current member and recent co-chair of Rockefeller College Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Board, Vincent J. Abramo has mentored and advised countless numbers of Rockefeller College students interested in international work and provided invaluable advice on College programming; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Vincent J. Abramo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vincent J. Abramo.