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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James W. Taylor, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College on June 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James W. Taylor, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College, to be celebrated at its 38th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament and 5th Annual Tennis Tournament on Monday, June 6, 2016, at The Powelton Club, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, James W. Taylor, Jr. has been selected as this year's Golf Honoree in recognition of his steadfast and unwavering commitment to Mount Saint Mary College and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, A native of Newburgh, New York, James (Jim) W. Taylor, Jr. founded Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC in 2005, as part of his family's business commitment to waste reduction, recycling and reuse; he also built the first of these businesses, Taylor Tree, Inc., into one of the Hudson Valley's largest land clearing and tree service companies; and

WHEREAS, Under Jim W. Taylor, Jr.'s luminous leadership, Taylor-Montgomery, LLC, formerly known as Taylor Recycling Facility, LLC, disposes wood from other businesses and is a leading recycler of construction and demolition debris; and

WHEREAS, Taylor-Montgomery, LLC's reputation grew exponentially after the firm worked around the clock for nine months at the Fresh Kills Landfill sorting debris from the World Trade Center disaster on Septem-

ber 11, 2001; the company received a commendation from the Army Corps of Engineers' lead contractor for its tremendous contribution to getting the project completed in less time than expected and under budget, and with the highest degree of performance; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. has continued to serve as Chairman to Taylor-Montgomery, LLC; today, the family-run business is run by his three children who continue their father's mantra of "we need to stop wasting our waste; waste is a resource and has value. We can no longer continue to build these great big mountains of debris; above and below the ground (landfills); that are never, ever, ever going to go away in our kids', kids', kids time"; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. is responsible for leading the Taylor team in designing, building and operating the world's first commercial size biomass gasification plant using the organic fraction of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris as the feedstock to produce renewable electricity; Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC owns the patented technology, the world's first of which will be constructed in Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. travels the world as an expert in his field giving numerous speeches and debates from leadership to recycling for many different types of organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. 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, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. has lead and supported numerous local community groups including The Viking Aquatic Club, churches, schools, Veteran of Foreign War Clubs, Little Leagues, volunteer ambulance corps, and fire departments; in addition, Taylor-Montgomery, LLC donated

significant funds for the Orange County World Trade Center Remembrance Walkway and Garden Memorial located at The Ottaway Arboretum in Orange County's Thomas Bull Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in giving back to the community which has given him so much, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. has served on the boards of the Construction Materials Recycling Association, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Partnership, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporations, Hudson Valley Regional Economic Development Council, City of Newburgh Planning Board, and New York State Pesticides User Council, as well as the New York State Arborist Association; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his community, Jim W. Taylor, Jr. has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades such as: Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Mount Saint Mary College; the 2004 Business of the Year Award by the Orange County Chamber of Commerce; the Recycling, Quality of Life and Spirit of Innovation Award by the Orange County Partnership; and the Vision of Hope Award by the Occupations Foundation at Occupations, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, James W. Taylor, Jr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Eileen, and their three children, James W. III, Hans E., and Tonyalynn Taylor, 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 individual for the benefit of others which James W. Taylor, Jr. 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 commend James W. Taylor, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College on June 6, 2016; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James W. Taylor, Jr.