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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Edward Myers Hayes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 21 years of dedicated service as President and CEO to Cayuga Centers on September 22, 2016

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, Edward Myers Hayes has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Edward Myers Hayes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 21 years of dedicated service as President and CEO to Cayuga Centers, to be feted at a Celebration of Service Dinner on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at The Springside Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Centers is a network of services geared to supporting youth, families, and individuals who need help meeting the diverse challenges of life; this extraordinary organization helps to grow independent, healthy, productive citizens through quality counseling and residential and support services in partnership with government agencies and other service providers; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Edward Myers Hayes has been President and CEO of Cayuga Centers which has grown from a limited program agency serving only Cayuga County with a two-million dollar annual budget, to a fifty million dollar multi-service provider which operates programs throughout Central New York State, New York City, Florida and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Holding a master's degree in Public Administration from Russell Sage College, Edward Myers Hayes has been a prime mover in the growth of evidence-based practice throughout New York State, making

Cayuga Centers one of only two organizations in the United States to operate three evidence-based programs; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous leadership, Edward Myers Hayes transformed the Residential Treatment Center to meet changing needs of youth and families by creating specialty treatment units, upgrading staffing patterns, improving training, and increasing the frequency of family therapy; he also implemented Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) and a Multisystemic Therapy (MST) programs; and

WHEREAS, Edward Myers Hayes created a 396 foster bed Transitional Foster Care Program which is under contract with the United States Office for Refugee Resettlement (ORR) for Unaccompanied Children; this is the largest foster bed program funded by ORR; and

WHEREAS, Edward Myers Hayes was instrumental in enhancing Medicaid Service Coordination and respite services for individuals with developmental disabilities as well as expanding Treatment Family Foster Care to southeast Florida and the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Edward Myers Hayes built strong relationships with counties resulting in increased residential utilization and community contracts, and developed and implemented an Information Technology plan linking 14 different offices and sites to an agency intranet; and

WHEREAS, Edward Myers Hayes 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, A frequent conference speaker and organizer for the initial Global Implementation Conference, Edward Myers Hayes was a co-founder and first President of Advancing Evidence-Based Practice; he chaired the Cayuga County Human Services Coalition, is a past member of New York

State's Family and Children's Services Board, and has served as a Team Leader and Peer Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation (COA); and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Edward Myers Hayes 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 Edward Myers Hayes 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 Edward Myers Hayes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 21 years of dedicated service as President and CEO to Cayuga Centers on September 22, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward Myers Hayes.