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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sergio Saravia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT for his business and community accomplishments

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Sergio Saravia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT for his business and community accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Born in war-torn El Salvador, Sergio Saravia escaped with his family at the age of seven to White Lake, New York, where St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Monticello gave them aid while they were seeking asylum status; by the time his father had purchased the poultry farm known as Hy Frank's near Jeffersonville, the family had secured legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Encouraged by his teachers and counselors at Jeffersonville High School to pursue his dreams, Sergio Saravia earned a Bachelor's degree in both Sociology and Political Science from SUNY Geneseo in 2004, before moving on to Pace University, where he received a juris doctorate in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Through interning with various law firms in the Hudson Valley, Sergio Saravia quickly found that he could handle cases on his own and subsequently set up his own private practice in Liberty, New York, where he offers general legal services to anyone, and focuses on

representing and guiding immigrants through a complicated and confusing legal, governmental and employment system; and WHEREAS, With Sergio Saravia throughout has been his wife, Layne, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his many achievements; 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, should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sergio Saravia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT for his business and community accomplishments, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

smitted to Sergio Saravia.