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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the James J. McCann Charitable Trust upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition as recipient of the 2010 Friends of the Arts Award by Mill Street Loft

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the James J. McCann Charitable Trust upon the occasion of being designated as recipient of the 2010 Friend of the Arts Award by Mill Street Loft; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at the Loft's 30th Anniversary Friend of the Arts Award event, to be held at the Poughkeepsie Grandview; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1980, Mill Street Loft is celebrating its 30th Anniversary as a not-for-profit community-based Multi-Arts Educational Center in the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, Under the expert leadership of its Executive Director, Carole J. Wolf, Mill Street Loft is dedicated to bringing a wide range of creative, culturally enriching programs to diverse audiences throughout the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, The James J. McCann Charitable Trust is the extraordinary legacy of the late James J. McCann, a self-described old-fashioned feed and grain Main Street merchant who said, "I want to help those kids"; and

WHEREAS, Mill Street Loft is a proud recipient of funds from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust and acknowledges Trustees, John J. Gartland

Jr., Michael G. Gartland and Richard V. Corbally Jr. for their work in carrying out Mr. McCann's goal of "progressive human welfare work" in the Hudson Valley community; and

WHEREAS, Funds and continuing support from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust have enabled Mill Street Loft to provide a wide range of creative, culturally enriching programs to diverse audiences throughout the Hudson Valley; these funds assist in developing new facilities, expanding and renovating existing ones, and supporting arts and education, among the Loft's many community activities; and

WHEREAS, A multi-year grant commitment from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, enabled Mill Street Loft to purchase and renovate its facility at 45 Pershing Avenue in Poughkeepsie, and complete construction on its new entrance and parking area; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the sponsorship of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, provided for hundreds of aspiring art students from seven Mid-Hudson Valley counties to attend the annual Regional Portfolio Day each November where representatives from more than 40 of the nation's leading colleges, universities and schools of art review and critique students' portfolios and provide guidance in the college admissions process; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, the James J. McCann Charitable Trust has been dedicated to improving the lives of the Hudson Valley community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the James J. McCann Charitable Trust upon the occasion of being designated as recipient of the 2010 Friend of the Arts Award by Mill Street Loft; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the James J. McCann Charitable Trust.