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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Bonura Hospitality Group upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Organizations which give of its time and energy and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, The Bonura Hospitality Group has given not only of its time and energy but also of its competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Bonura Hospitality Group upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated on February 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This fine event is the Chamber's Le Cirque Des Affaires Annual Gala which will be held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, the Bonura family has been fostering the Hudson Valley economy by providing jobs to hundreds of local workers, and this dedication to the Hudson Valley community has been bequeathed from parents Joseph Bonura Sr. and his wife, Mary, to their children Joseph Jr., Michael Bonura, and Mary Caster; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bonura, Jr., is the Managing Partner of The Grandview and Shadows on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie; he also served as managing partner, project manager, and construction manager for the former Sewage Treatment Plant, DeLaval, and PURA 14 projects as part of Poughkeepsie's Waterfront Revitalization Effort; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Bonura, Jr., serves as a Trustee of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and is a Director of Walkway

Over the Hudson, Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce and Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation; he is a recipient of the 40 under 40 award from the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce and along with the rest of his family, was honored in 2006 as a pillar of the community by the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center, and in 2009 as Family of the Year by Family Services Inc. of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Joseph Bonura, Jr., served on a three-member task force to consolidate the regional Dutchess County Chambers; a resident of Newburgh, he is married to Whitney, and they are both the proud parents of their daughter, Isabella; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bonura is the President and General Manager of Anthony's Pier 9; becoming an Eagle Scout has helped to mold him as a community-minded citizen; he actively participates in fundraising efforts for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bonura serves as Director of both the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce; a resident of Newburgh, he is married to Jennifer, and they are the proud parents of Michael Jr., and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Mary Caster is the Catering Manager at Shadows on the Hudson, the best restaurant with a view according to HUDSON VALLEY MAGAZINE; after graduating from Fordham University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, she worked at Pangia & Company in Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Mary Caster opened the first foodservice establishment at the new public terminal at Stewart International Airport; when the airport chose to move forward with a national chain for its foodservice,

she began running some of the catering operations at the then new Bonura Hospitality Group venture, The Grandview; and

WHEREAS, Mary Caster currently serves as the Treasurer of the New York

Military Academy Parent's Auxiliary; she lives in Newburgh with her husband, Brent, the General Manager of The Grandview, and their children, Jackilyn, Joseph, and Jenna; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of its community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Bonura Hospitality Group has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by organizations for the benefit of others which the Bonura Hospitality Group has displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Bonura Hospitality Group upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the Next Generation Award by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mrs. Joseph Bonura, Sr., Joseph Bonura, Jr., Michael Bonura, and Mary Caster.