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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jack Balinsky upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Catholic Conference J. Alan Davitt Award for Exemplary Service by Archbishop Timothy Dolan and the Bishops of New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and
WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jack Balinsky upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Catholic Conference J. Alan Davitt Award for Exemplary Service by Archbishop Timothy Dolan and the Bishops of New York State on March 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The year 2010, marked the 100th year anniversary of the founding of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, as well as the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities USA; Jack Balinsky was a recipient of the prestigious "Centennial Medal" from Catholic Charities USA during its centennial year; in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities in Rochester, Jack Balinsky wrote his most recent book, A HISTORY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER 1910-2010; and

WHEREAS, Jack Balinsky has written six volumes of the history of the New York State Catholic Conference that are available on his website WWW.JACKBALINSKY.ORG; he graduated as Valedictorian of his class at Notre Dame University before returning to Syracuse to work at an inner city settlement house in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Holding a master's degree in public administration from Princeton University, Jack Balinsky began his career with Catholic Charities in Syracuse almost 40 years ago; he served on the staff of the New

York State Catholic Conference from 1984 to 1990 as Executive Secretary to the New York State Council of Catholic Charities Directors, and has been the Rochester Diocesan Director for Catholic Charities since 1992; and

WHEREAS, Under Jack Balinsky's leadership, the organization has grown from three subsidiary agencies to ten where they are employing over a thousand people and providing service to about a quarter million people; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Jack Balinsky's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jack Balinsky upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Catholic Conference J. Alan Davitt Award for Exemplary Service by Archbishop Timothy Dolan and the Bishops of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Balinsky.