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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending William Kaplan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on April 11, 2013

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 organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend William Kaplan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Awards Dinner at The Fountains, Middletown, New York, on Thursday, April 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Orange County Human Rights Commission was established in 1970 to serve the citizens of Orange County; its primary objectives include the fostering of mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious and ethnic groups in the County; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Awards Dinner, the Orange County Human Rights Commission proudly honors those who support and help to further its objectives of mutual respect and understanding among all citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, William Kaplan of Newburgh, New York, seeks ways to help organizations that are working to meet the needs of a diverse citizenry in his home city; and

WHEREAS, After leading the fund drive for the creation of the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, William Kaplan has taken a personal role in the development of its educational offerings including classes in citizen-

ship, computer proficiency, high school equivalency degree, and English as a Second Language; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they 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 applaud the Orange County Human Rights Commission for its efforts to foster understanding and pride of community and to commend William Kaplan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 Human Rights Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Kaplan.