

## 2013-J1061

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Andrew J. Matonak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the Capital District YMCA on April 23, 2013

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Andrew J. Matonak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the Capital District YMCA to be celebrated at its Annual Recognition Dinner at the Albany Marriott on Tuesday, April 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is presented annually to the mission champions of the Association; it honors individuals for their outstanding service, dedication, commitment and contributions they provide to the Capital District YMCA and their community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew J. Matonak is an educator by trade; he is also an advocate for the regional business community, a firm believer in the economic philosophy that a rising tide lifts all boats; and

WHEREAS, He is a champion for cultivating and nourishing relationships among the area's many organizations, businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, Better known as Drew around campus, Dr. Andrew J. Matonak became President of Hudson Valley Community College in 2005, moving to the Capital Region and instantly connecting with the community; and

WHEREAS, For the past eight years, Dr. Andrew J. Matonak has immersed himself in the economic and cultural fabric of the community; he now embarks on another chapter of service, assuming a vital leadership role as Chair of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Andrew J. Matonak has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Andrew J. Matonak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the Capital District YMCA on April 23, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Andrew J. Matonak.