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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Charities Award by Catholic Charities

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Charities Award by Catholic Charities; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at Catholic Charities Night, to be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the New York State Museum in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Capital District, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. has been involved in many entrepreneurial endeavors in the areas of finance, hospitality and real estate over his successful career; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. is presently the Broker/Co-Owner of both the Coldwell Banker/Prime Properties residential and commercial real estate companies, two of the largest real estate franchise operations in New York State; the residential company is the fifth largest Coldwell Banker franchise affiliate internationally; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. founded a registered mortgage banker operation, Home Funding Finders, Inc.; as President and

Chief Executive Officer, he grew the business to over 125 employees prior to its sale to SEFCU Mortgage Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. also co-founded a commercial mortgage broker, Paragon Prime Funding, which is now the second largest commercial lender in the New York State Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, In the hospitality business for over 30 years, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. has developed successful partnerships with national hotel franchisors such as Holiday Inn Express, Hilton, Days Inn and Hotel Indigo, to develop, own and operate successful hotels throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. maintains a strong presence in the New York State Capital District; he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at Siena College in Loudonville, New York, as well as the Trustee responsible for meeting the housing needs for Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. is a trustee of St. Gregory's School for Boys in Loudonville, and is a Board Member of Friends for Adoption; he is also active with Coaches v. Cancer and very active in many other charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Maureen Joyce Charities Award by Catholic Charities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr.