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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region upon the occasion of hosting its Birthday Bash on September 27, 2013, and applauding its honorees

WHEREAS, 2013 marks 100 years of saving lives and creating a world with more birthdays for the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, For the millions of Americans who have been touched by cancer in some direct way, whether as survivors themselves, or as individuals who have lost loved ones, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has provided invaluable support and unyielding advocacy on their behalves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region, upon the occasion of hosting its Birthday Bash, and to applaud the honorees who have done so much in support of its mission; this joyous milestone will be celebrated on Friday, September 27, 2013, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, ACS is the largest voluntary health organization in the United States; with 12 geographic divisions, the organization has more than 900 local offices, a presence in more than 5,100 communities and more than three million volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region, is indeed fortunate to have many committed volunteers who share in its mission, and who go above and beyond in their efforts to raise funds and awareness about its work; and

WHEREAS, The extraordinary individuals and organizations being honored at the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region Birthday Bash are: Dr. Hal Teitelbaum of Crystal Run Healthcare; The Rand Family of Better Homes and Gardens-Rand Realty; and Susan Swensen, who will be receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Orange Regional Medical Center, Health Quest, and Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union will be recognized for earning the CEO Gold Standard Accreditation, a most noteworthy accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Due to the outstanding work of regional offices such as the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley, ACS is saving lives by helping people stay well through prevention and early detection; helping people get well through supportive services and finding cures; and by combating the diseases through patient programs, raising and investing billions of dollars in cutting-edge research, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute's 2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATION ON THE STATUS OF CANCER, shows that overall cancer death rates continue to decline in the United States among both men and women and among all major racial and ethnic groups, highlighting the heroic efforts of advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Thanks in part to the work of ACS, there are nearly 14 million survivors of cancer currently living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region for its invaluable efforts in the fight against cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region, upon the occasion of hosting its Birthday Bash on September 27, 2013, and to applaud its honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Cancer Society - Hudson Valley Region, and the aforementioned honorees.