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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edward P. Swyer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose

WHEREAS, Edward P. Swyer has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Edward P. Swyer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, Having graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Edward Swyer is the President and CEO of The Swyer Companies, a real estate company that owns and manages commercial developments in the Capital District; the most notable project is Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland, New York, a mixed-use development of retail stores and professional offices; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving as a Director of the University at Albany Foundation, Edward Swyer has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center; working with The Nature Conservancy, he, representing his family, established the Lewis A. Swyer Mill Creek Preserve along the Hudson River in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, The preserve is one of five freshwater estuaries in New York State that rise and fall with the tide and provide home to unique flora and fauna; it is equipped with a boardwalk for visitors and has grown from an initial 95 acres to almost 900 acres of protected land; and

WHEREAS, The Swyer Family Foundation, Inc. has an ongoing commitment to The Legal Project, a sister organization to the Capital District Women's Bar Association, that provides free legal services for victims of domestic violence and issues such as bankruptcy and affordable hous-

ing; through the Swyer Family Foundation, Edward Swyer philanthropic projects also include long-term commitments to scholarships at area colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to The College of Saint Rose, there are scholarships and programs to assist students at Skidmore College, University at Albany, Albany Law School, Siena College and Marist College; and

WHEREAS, Edward Swyer also worked with his mother, Ann Swyer, to establish the Ann Swyer Ten Broeck Mansion Endowment Fund of The Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region to insure the Mansion's long term viability; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Edward Swyer has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Edward Swyer has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Edward P. Swyer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of A Community of Excellence Award by The College of Saint Rose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward P. Swyer.