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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Austin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Henry Crandall Award on September 6, 2013

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Austin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Henry Crandall Award by the Crandall Public Library, to be celebrated at its Hooray for Hollywood 2013 Gala: Lights, Camera, Fiction, on Friday, September 6, 2013, at the Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The award is named in honor of Henry Crandall, a local lumber baron and philanthropist who, in 1892, contributed the necessary funds to establish the library in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, John Austin will receive this auspicious honor in recognition of his consistent dedication to both his community and the local libraries; and

WHEREAS, Born in Cambridge, and raised in Glens Falls and Queensbury, John Austin graduated from Glens Falls High School and Dartmouth College; and

WHEREAS, He was the editor of the Dartmouth College newspaper, and later worked as a reporter, editor and editorial director of THE GLENS FALLS TIMES, a former local afternoon daily newspaper; and

WHEREAS, He then graduated from Albany Law School and went on to serve as Warren County Family Court and County Court Judge; in the early 1970s, he served as a Queensbury councilman and town supervisor, and led construction of the town's water filtration plant on the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, John Austin was also a member of the Crandall Public Library Board of Trustees from 1972-1985, and served as president of the Southern Adirondack Library System Board of Trustees from 1985-1995; and

WHEREAS, His multifaceted professions includes work as a newspaper reporter and editor, lawyer, town supervisor, judge, historian and author; and

WHEREAS, John Austin's life and career is truly a testament to how one man pursued a commitment to preserving and protecting the most cherished aspects of the community, namely its culture and history, its beauty, its children and its future; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Austin upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Henry Crandall Award on September 6, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Austin.