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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John A. Cirando upon the occasion of being named the 2013 Onondaga County Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those esteemed individuals within our midst whose professional lives, personal endeavors and dedicated 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 John A. Cirando upon the occasion of being named the 2013 Onondaga County Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year at its 138th Annual Dinner held on Thursday, October 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Central New York, John A. Cirando graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1959, and enrolled at St. Bonaventure University; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, upon his graduation from St. Bonaventure University, John A. Cirando was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army, and then entered SUNY Buffalo Law School; and

WHEREAS, Three years later, John A. Cirando graduated from SUNY Buffalo Law School and joined the private practice of law with his father, Daniel J. Cirando, at the firm of D.J. & J.A. Cirando, Esqs.; he also transferred to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and dutifully served as a judge advocate; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service, John A. Cirando embarked on a lengthy and distinguished career with the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, during which he earned the position of Chief Assistant District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, after 17 years of outstanding service with the Onon-

daga County District Attorney's Office, under three different district attorneys, John A. Cirando returned to private law practice; and WHEREAS, Since then, John A. Cirando has carried an active caseload that is primarily focused on appellate practice; he has appeared in more than 1,700 appeals before the Appellate Divisions, New York Court of Appeals, and in more than 60 appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and

WHEREAS, John A. Cirando has also served as an adjunct professor since 1988 at the Syracuse University College of Law where he has been a positive mentor for students and newly admitted attorneys; in 1996, he became an instructor for the Appellate Division, Fourth Department, and Assigned Counsels Appeals Training; and

WHEREAS, John A. Cirando's additional professional achievements include but are not limited to: author of SURVEY OF NEW YORK CRIMINAL LAW FOR SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, Commissioner of the New York State Law Review Commission, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee for the Syracuse Mayoral Transition team for The Honorable Stephanie Miner, and Trustee for the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund for New York; in addition, he has served on numerous judicial qualification committees; and

WHEREAS, John A. Cirando has committed himself beyond the legal community, as well, serving for decades as pro bono counsel for Vera House and the Asian Apostolate; he has volunteered with various other community organizations, such as the Catholic Lawyers' Guild Diocese of Syracuse, the Central New York Alumni Chapter of St. Bonaventure University, Knights of Columbus, the New York Bar Foundation, and the Onondaga County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout his distinguished career have been his wife, Carolyn, and his three daughters, Lisa, Julie and Jennifer, all of

whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 John A. Cirando upon the occasion of being named the 2013 Onondaga County Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year; and be it further

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