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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating over 50 years of advocacy for people with mental illness

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations which provide vital mental health services to individuals and their families, and in doing so, enhance the health and welfare of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those organizations that are dedicated to providing services and supports for individuals with mental illness as well as advocating on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating over 50 years of advocacy and support for people with mental illness at its 2013 awards dinner at the Albany Marriot on Thursday, October 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. and its affiliate network work to promote mental health and recovery, encourage empowerment in mental health service recipients, eliminate discrimination and raise public awareness through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. works with 30 local affiliates across 54 counties in New York State to ensure available and accessible mental health services for all New Yorkers with emphasis on improved care and treatment of institutionalized patients, services for facilities for rehabilitation, treatment, schooling and special care for children with emotional disturbances, as well as preventative mental health efforts and education in the community; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding association has been involved in numerous projects that share the common theme of educating the public regarding mental illness and reducing the stigma of the illness, which include:

Parents with Psychiatric Disabilities Initiative, Jail Diversion Initiative, Empowerment Project, Families Together, Parent Support Network, Community Mental Health Promotion Project, and many more; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those organizations that enhance the quality of life in the State of New York and have shown a long and sustained commitment to improving the care, services and treatment of those with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc., which bring greater awareness to mental health issues, and assist people with mental illnesses in their quest for dignity and independence, profoundly enhance the quality of life for all citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating over 50 years of advocacy for people with mental illness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.