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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph S. Nicosia for his service upon the completion of his term as Chairman of New York State Ducks Unlimited

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph S. Nicosia for his service upon the completion of his term as Chairman of New York State Ducks Unlimited; his contributions will be recognized at the State Convention on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at the Auburn Holiday Inn, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1937 in New York State in response to the Dust Bowl during which North America's drought-plagued waterfowl populations plunged to unprecedented lows, Ducks Unlimited is an international grassroots organization that works diligently to preserve wetlands and protect waterfowl from overhunting and extinction; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. "Joey" Nicosia has been a member of Ducks Unlimited for 28 years; in that time he has graciously assumed the mantle of leadership in many capacities, serving as Area Chairman, District Chairman, and State Vice Chairman, and lending his talents to the Marketing and Communications Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Nicosia, in addition to his current role as State Chairman, serves on the State Campaign Committee, the Development Committee and the Friends of Montezuma Board; within Ducks Unlimited, he is a Diamond Heritage Sponsor for Ducks Unlimited Inc., a Canada Diamond Life Sponsor, and a Mexico Diamond Life Sponsor; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious two-year term as State Chairman, Joseph Nicosia has been an active advocate of the organization's Greenwing program, a youth program that teaches its young members the importance of responsible hunting and the importance of conservation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Nicosia is a member of the Feather Society of Ducks Unlimited, a distinctive group which has made provisions for continuing financial support of the organization after their passing; this commitment is a strong indication of the depth of his passion for Ducks Unlimited's vital work; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Nicosia is a conservationist and occasional hunter with a deep and abiding dedication to ensuring the responsible and respectful treatment of New York's wetlands and waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, His outstanding service to Ducks Unlimited reflects a conviction shared by communities across this great Empire State, that natural treasures and wildlife should be preserved and protected for future generations of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joseph Nicosia has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 Joseph S. Nicosia for his service upon the completion of his term as Chairman of New York State Ducks Unlimited; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph S. Nicosia.