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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gerald D. Jennings upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Envoy Salute by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce

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 individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerald D. Jennings upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Envoy Salute by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 114th Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Gerald D. Jennings, elected the 74th Mayor of the City of Albany in 1993, is being honored for his vision, leadership, and impact on the economic vitality of the region; he retired from this esteemed position after serving five consecutive terms, on December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Gerald D. Jennings, the City of Albany has experienced a bona fide renewal in both downtown and historic neighborhoods, and has witnessed an unprecedented reduction in crime, as well as a meaningful increase in the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gerald D. Jennings was instrumental in Albany, New York being designated An All-American City by the National Civil League in June of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Gerald D. Jennings successfully estab-

lished collaborative partnerships with New York State, the business community, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations, resulting in numerous development projects, most notably, the state-of-the-art research and development center at Albany NanoTech; and WHEREAS, Gerald D. Jennings has received countless awards and accolades for his progressive leadership, and has been recognized Nationally for his innovative and effective government by the United States Conference of Mayors and The National Council for Urban Development; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gerald D. Jennings has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gerald D. Jennings 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to honor Gerald D. Jennings upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The Envoy Salute by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald D. Jennings.