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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arthur R. Kapner Spirit of the Chamber Award by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arthur R. Kapner Spirit of the Chamber Award by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 114th Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer was chosen to receive this auspicious award for his dedicated support and service to the mission of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Currently, he serves as CEO of Northern Rivers Family Services, which was formed in 2012 to manage the activities and provide central services for Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child and Family Center; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Raymond Schimmer began his work at Parsons Child and Family Center serving as Assistant Executive Director and Director of Residence and Education, as well as Director of Education before he was named Executive Director in 1995; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus from Harvard School of Education, Raymond Schimmer is a member of numerous national and local organizations including: Child Welfare League of America's Advisory Board, New York State Coali-

tion for Children's Mental Health Services, Albany Academy for Girls, New York State Chapter 853 Schools Coalition, and the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer has published various professional writings, which include articles on sexual abuse in residential care and the changing nature of non-profit board activity; he also held a position as an Adjunct Professor at the Rockefeller College of the State University of New York, where he taught Non-Profit Theory and Management; and WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Raymond Schimmer has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Raymond Schimmer 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 deliberations to honor Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Arthur R. Kapner Spirit of the Chamber Award by the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond Schimmer.