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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. James O. Marshall, DVM, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Champion of Independence Award by the ARISE Foundation

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of this Empire State, when the ingredients of shared concern and responsive endeavor combine in commitment to community, there emerge among the distinguished citizenry of the State of New York, certain individuals who warrant special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. James O. Marshall, DVM, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Champion of Independence Award by the ARISE Foundation; he will be honored at a special celebration on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Double Tree Hotel, East Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, ARISE is a consumer-controlled, non-profit Independent Living Center in Central New York that promotes the full inclusion of people with any type of disability in the community by removing barriers, sustaining needs, and strengthening skills; and

WHEREAS, The ARISE Foundation works assiduously to ensure that this vital organization has the necessary resources to provide its unique services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James O. "Doc" Marshall, DVM, is a well-respected veterinarian and cherished member of the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, In 1998 Dr. James O. Marshall presented ARISE with an extraordinary gift: a 77-acre working horse farm which led to the creation of ARISE at the Farm, an accessible, inclusive recreation center located in Chittenango, New York, that offers a variety of recreational activities, including therapeutic horseback riding, summer

camps, an accessible fishing pond, and a high ropes course, focused on the needs and interests of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James O. Marshall, through his act of remarkable and inspired generosity, has enhanced the lives of thousands of individuals in Central New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commend Dr. James O. Marshall, DVM, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Champion of Independence Award by the ARISE Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. James O. Marshall.