LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.

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, Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc., to be celebrated on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at the organization's 2014 Spring Gala, "Bees and Blossoms," at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties provides support and care for persons in the final stages of incurable disease so that they might live as fully and comfortably as possible; and WHEREAS, Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio are being recognized by Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties for their many years of dedication, commitment, and service to its life-affirming mission; and WHEREAS, Marilyn D'Ambrosio is very active within Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties; she serves as a member of its Auxiliary Board, participates in numerous program and fundraising activities, including its Gala, Hoe Down, and Golf Committees, and has chaired both its Fashion Show and Dine Out events; Dr. John D'Ambrosio formerly served as chairman of its Board of Directors; and WHEREAS, Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio are exemplars of community and civic engagement who lend their time, talents, and considerable energies to many other organizations and causes in their community as well; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John D'Ambrosio, who has been president of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce since 1982, is a business leader who is a former chairman of the Board of the Chamber Alliance of New York State; he currently serves as president of the Orange County Business Development Corporation, and president of the Corporation for Chamber Services; and his other community involvements include Orange County United Way, Orange County Community College Foundation, and the Board of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D'Ambrosio serves on the boards of the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the YMCA; within the YMCA she has been an important part of supporting the organization's annual fund through volunteering on its Anniversary Dance, Fashion Show, and Dance committees; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio for their dedicated service to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc.; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. John and Marilyn D'Ambrosio.