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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Robert L. Schultze upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany

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. Robert L. Schultze has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Robert L. Schultze upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at a ceremony held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; they have helped individuals of all ages across 14 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Schultze is the Ophthalmology Residence Program Director at Albany Medical Center, and is the Director of Cornea, Cataract, and Refractive Surgery at the Lions Eye Institute; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed physician is recognized as a leading authority on cornea and refractive surgery; his work has been instrumental in the development of DSAEK, a new technique in partial thickness corneal transplantation and was the first surgeon in the northeast to perform such a procedure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Schultze's experiences in refractive and cataract surgery have made him an area leader in advanced intraocular lens surgery; he has participated in several national multi-center trials and lectured internationally in Panama, Italy, Greece, China and India; and
WHEREAS, For his pioneering work in helping those with vision problems, Dr. Robert L. Schultze has earned the "Best of Show" award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology as well as a "First Place" from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, among numerous other honors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Schultze has served admirably on the NABA Board of Directors, and is active on the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Committee on Eye Banks; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Robert L. Schultze 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 Dr. Robert L. Schultze has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Robert L. Schultze upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Professional of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Robert L. Schultze.