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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John M. Douglas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Mentorship Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John M. Douglas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Mentorship Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the GE Theatre at Proctors, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The GOBY Awards (Get on Board Volunteer Awards) recognize companies, organizations and individuals who have provided exemplary volunteer services in New York's Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, John Matthew Douglas served his country honorably as a member of the United States Army, and has experience in a number of different career fields; he currently works for the healthcare industry firm, Pharmaceutical-Quintiles, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been an active corporate volunteer for the City of Albany, New York's Alive at Five concert series, a member of the Olympic Torch Bearer Selection Committee, and has contributed his time as a volunteer with the Upstate New York United Way of America; and

WHEREAS, John Matthew Douglas remains steadfastly committed, with the support of his wife Sharon, to volunteerism and mentorship; he is the

founder of "I Press Forward, Release My Greatness, Uncover My Passion, Believe In My Vision" volunteer mentorship program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Matthew Douglas presently works with the New York and Vermont Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and is a Patient Services Committee and Light The Night Committee member; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who give of their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to answer the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor John M. Douglas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Mentorship Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John M. Douglas.