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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James J. Salengo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Stakeholders Founders Award to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James J. Salengo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Stakeholders Founders 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, This illustrious award is bestowed upon board members and staff of The Stakeholders, Inc. who had an early and influential impact on the formation and success of Stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, James J. Salengo has been the Executive Director of the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC) since 2008; the non-profit organization works on behalf of property owners and businesses to enhance the vibrancy of Downtown Schenectady through daily cleaning and maintenance, visual improvements, promotion and marketing, and business development; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining DSIC, James J. Salengo worked for five years as Director of Communications at the Downtown Albany Business Improve-

ment District; he also spent nearly 14 years in public relations, programming, and as an on-air spokesperson at WMHT Public Television and Radio in Rotterdam, New York; and

WHEREAS, James J. Salengo graduated Magna Cum Laude/Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Vermont with a degree in English; he is a founding member and Board President for The Stakeholders, Inc., and serves on the boards of the New York State Urban Council and Haven of Schenectady, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, James J. Salengo was named one of the Business Review's 40 Under Forty in 2006; his efforts also contributed to Mark of Excellence Awards for the Downtown Albany BID, the Leaders of Tomorrow Award for The Stakeholders from the Center for Economic Growth, the Community Partner Award for the DSIC from the Chamber of Schenectady County, the New Patroon Award for The Stakeholders from the Albany Roundtable, and an Achievement Award for the DSIC from the International Downtown Association; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James J. Salengo has displayed throughout his life; 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 James J. Salengo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Stakeholders Founders Award 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 James J. Salengo.