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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter Stoj upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Open Space Preservation Leadership Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

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, Peter Stoj 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 Peter Stoj upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Open Space Preservation Leadership Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, to be celebrated at its Annual Spring Awards Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at Treviso by Mallozzi's, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter Stoj has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, The Open Space Preservation Award recognizes contributions by a Conservancy volunteer who has given outstanding time and energy to advance the mission of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC); and

WHEREAS, Peter Stoj has devoted countless hours to the stewardship of the Keleher Preserve on Wolf Hill in the Town of New Scotland; he builds and maintains trails, helps coordinate volunteers and was instrumental in the recent expansion of the preserve, making it MHLC's largest at approximately 450 acres; and

WHEREAS, After 35 years of distinguished service as a New York State Civil Servant, Peter Stoj retired from the esteemed position of Chief Information Officer for Empire State Development and Director of IT for

the Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, An avid skier and golfer, Peter Stoj is a life member of O.C.

Ski Club, committee person for the New York State Golf Association and

President of Western Turnpike Golf Course Men's Association; and

WHEREAS, Peter Stoj became of member of Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

in the mid-2000s to support the Indian Ladder Farm effort; he has been

an MHLC volunteer since March of 2012 with approximately 500 hours of

service to date; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 32 years whom feels

privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements;

and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Peter Stoj has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Peter Stoj has displayed throughout

his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Peter Stoj upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of

the Open Space Preservation Leadership Award by the Mohawk Hudson Land

Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Peter Stoj.