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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mark J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Volunteer 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, Mark J. McCarthy has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at a ceremony 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, Mark J. McCarthy is a longtime friend, volunteer and board member of the NABA; a graduate of Albany Law School, Mark J. McCarthy is a highly regarded attorney with the law firm Harris Beach PLLC, and is listed in NEW YORK SUPER LAWYERS and BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA; and

WHEREAS, For the past 13 years, Mark J. McCarthy has graciously devoted his time and energies to helping the NABA fulfill its mission of providing critically needed support, guidance and assistance to the blind and visually impaired across the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man also serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Albany Catholic Charities Caregivers Support Services, and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Albany-Schenectady League of Arts and the Albany City Hostel; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mark J. McCarthy is a member of the Finance Committee at St. Pius X in Loudonville, New York, and has been active in numerous youth sports organizations as a coach and league organizer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Eileen, and his three wonderful children, Kate, Jack, and Connor, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mark J. McCarthy has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mark J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Volunteer 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 Mark J. McCarthy.