

## 2013-J4522

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring W. Brian Barr upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of 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, W. Brian Barr 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 W. Brian Barr upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Third Age Achievement Awards luncheon on Friday, May 2, 2014, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Retired social worker and substance abuse counselor W. Brian Barr's passion for helping others has been greatly felt in the diverse communities he has served; and

WHEREAS, W. Brian Barr served as the Clinical and Community Director for the LaSalle School in Albany, and as Associate Commissioner for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; throughout much of his career he worked and volunteered countless nights and weekends to meet with grieving families, and to educate others on the subject of suicide awareness; and

WHEREAS, W. Brian Barr 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, For nearly three decades, W. Brian Barr has been giving pres-

entations at schools, churches and neighborhoods about the importance of suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, This compassionate man currently serves as President of the Board for Senior Hope Counseling, a New York State outpatient clinic serving individuals 50 years of age and older who suffer from alcohol and/or drug addiction; he also continues his invaluable efforts in suicide prevention and awareness, emphasizing the increased risk of suicide that accompanies aging; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, W. Brian Barr 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 W. Brian Barr has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 W. Brian Barr upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to W. Brian Barr.