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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephen R. Coffey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Law 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, Stephen R. Coffey 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 Stephen R. Coffey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Law 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, Attorney Stephen R. Coffey is a partner at the law firm of O'Connell & Aronowitz in Albany, where he specializes in plaintiff negligence and criminal defense; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his commitment to his clients and his fearless approach when confronted with injustice, Stephen R. Coffey was selected by his peers as a New York Super lawyer in the fields of both personal injury and criminal defense; he has been featured as a regular commentator on local television and radio stations; and

WHEREAS, Stephen R. Coffey 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, In addition to providing pro bono legal services for individuals unable to afford legal fees, for the past five years this dedicated

man has been an active member of The Miracle League in East Greenbush, New York, which provides athletic and social opportunities to special needs children and their families at no cost; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Stephen R. Coffey is an active volunteer at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, and hosts an annual dinner, "League Leaders in the Fall" to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy; he was a board member at Hope House Outpatient Clinic in Albany; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Joan, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Ian and the late Quinn; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stephen R. Coffey 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 Stephen R. Coffey 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 Stephen R. Coffey upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Third Age Achievement Award in Law by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen R. Coffey.