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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gary Striar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy

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, Gary Striar 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 Gary Striar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, to be celebrated at its 2014 Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 16, 2014, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy honors individuals such as Gary Striar, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Gary Striar, a resident of Delmar, New York, is Regional Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Northeastern New York Region; the Region serves a population of nearly 1.9 million people living in 17 counties of eastern New York running from the Canadian border south to Ulster and Dutchess Counties; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Gary Striar, the Red Cross consolidated the operations of five separate chapters in the Northeastern New York Region, reducing operation costs by 20 percent while

improving service to clients; and

WHEREAS, Prior to becoming CEO, Gary Striar served as State Relations Director for the American Red Cross in New York State, where he represented all Red Cross chapters in New York State, as well as the New York-Penn Blood Region, on government issues; he also worked for the State of New York for several years, including serving in the administration of Governor Mario Cuomo; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Catherine, and their two sons, Adam and Sam, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gary Striar 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 Gary Striar 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 Gary Striar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Public Administration and Policy Award by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Striar.