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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Lifetime Achievement 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, Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi 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 Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Lifetime Achievement 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 Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi, for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership, and continuing professional development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi has been the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva since 2010; in 2013, he served as the Chairman of the Council for Trade in Services and the Coordinator of the Asian Group of Developing Members; previously, he served for two terms as Coordinator of the Arab Group in the WTO; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the WTO, Ambassador Al-Otaibi served a full term as member of Al-Shura Council; during his membership he chaired the Parlia-

mentary Friendship Committee which was responsible for Gulf Corporation Council countries, Yemen, China, South Korea, and some Central Asian countries; and

WHEREAS, Much of Ambassador Al-Otaibi's illustrious career had been spent at the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) where he conducted training research and consultation; he served as General Director of Training Programs, then as a Deputy for the Director General of the Institute; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Ambassador Al-Otaibi served as a consultant for several public and private agencies including the General Secretariat of the High Committee for Administrative Reform, Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Ministry of Municipality and Rural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he devoted his service to restructuring the educational sector in the Kingdom and serving as a member of the Management Council of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration in Brussels; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dissertation, BUREAUCRACY AND THE CHALLENGES OF REGIONAL DISPARITY IN SAUDI ARABIA, Ambassador Al-Otaibi published several articles and conference papers including PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN SAUDI ARABIA, TRAINING LEADERS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC BUREAUCRACY IN SAUDI ARABIA, and THE ROLE OF THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Al-Otaibi graduated from King Saud University with a degree in Management, and earned his MPA and PhD in Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ambassador Al-Otaibi 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 Ambassador Al-Otaibi 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 Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rockefeller College Lifetime Achievement 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 Dr. Abdolazeez S. Al-Otaibi.