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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Crawford upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York

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, David Crawford 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 David Crawford upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Keens Steakhouse in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia County Association in the City of New York was founded in 1902 to bring together Columbia County and New York City residents with common interests, including those from New York City who had homes or businesses in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Germantown, New York, David Crawford graduated from Clarkson University in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, before working for American Electric Power Company Inc. for nearly nine years; and

WHEREAS, When American Electric Power Company Inc. shuttered their New York Office and relocated to Columbus, Ohio, David Crawford saw this as the perfect opportunity to follow his dream and open his own business, Crawford & Associates Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. in 1992; and

WHEREAS, In the 22 years since Crawford & Associates formation, the Hudson-based engineering and land-surveying business David Crawford

developed has grown to include two dozen talented engineers, scientists and technicians with proficiency in a wide range of core disciplines; and

WHEREAS, The company's portfolio boasts of partnerships with private, public and non-profit agencies including the Dormitory Authority of New York; the New York State Police; Columbia, Greene and Sullivan Counties; the City of Hudson; the Towns of Livingston and New Baltimore; the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation; and Taconic Farms Research Center; and

WHEREAS, Not only does David Crawford successfully run his company, he also finds time to serve as President of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation, and has been involved in the Friends of Clermont, with Columbia County Historical Society's board, and belongs to the Board of Supervisors' Airport Committee; and

WHEREAS, David Crawford's dedication to improving the life of Columbia County even led to his serving as President of the Columbia County Association in the City of New York from 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, Described as a "very energetic businessman," David Crawford credits his success to the inspiration of both his father and contractor Harry Engelkirk, "a very smart man and a very good builder," who have had homes featured in BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS magazine; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his family and friends, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his continued achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Crawford upon the occasion of being selected as the 2014

Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Crawford.