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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Hannah and Walter Shmerler upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, SUNY

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, Hannah and Walter Shmerler have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Hannah and Walter Shmerler upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Performing Arts Center, Purchase College, SUNY; they will be celebrated at its 2014 Gala, the Snazzy Bash, on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to be held at The PAC, in Purchase, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Performing Arts Center, (The PAC), Purchase College, is the major professional, non-profit arts presenter in the Southeastern New York--Southwestern Connecticut region, and the largest program in the State University of New York system; and

WHEREAS, Hannah and Walter Shmerler, residents of Rye, New York, are being recognized for their tremendous 34-year support of and involvement with The PAC; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Shmerler serves on the Board of The Performing Arts Center Foundation; she began her involvement with The PAC as a volunteer in 1980, and has played important roles in the Arts-in-Education outreach program for school children, has chaired various committees, and has been president of The Prompters, The Performing Arts Center's volunteer organization; she is also co-chair of the College's Friends of Music, an organization of the Conservatory of Music; and

WHEREAS, Hannah and Walter Shmerler's generous philanthropic support of The Performing Arts Center includes their endowment of Master Classes for Music and Dance Conservatory students in collaboration with The Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, This magnanimous couple's love and support for the arts has been recognized by others; they are the recipients of ArtsWestchester's 2014 Arts Award for Arts Patrons; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Hannah and Walter Shmerler have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Hannah and Walter Shmerler have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Hannah and Walter Shmerler upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by The Performing Arts Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hannah and Walter Shmerler.