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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gerald Jacobowitz for his distinguished service after 50 years of practicing law

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gerald Jacobowitz for his distinguished service after 50 years of practicing law; he will be honored at a reception held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Jacobowitz 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, A senior partner with Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, Gerald Jacobowitz is a graduate of Colgate University, and received his Juris Doctor degree from the New York University School of Law, where he was a John Ben Snow Root Tilden Scholar; he was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1959; and

WHEREAS, For half a century, Gerald Jacobowitz has admirably practiced law in Walden, New York, and its surrounding communities; he has helped bring to fruition numerous successful projects on behalf of his clients, including the Harriman Business Park, Wind Ridge Village, and Harriman Hills; in addition, he has served as village and town attorney for municipalities throughout the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Jacobowitz 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, Deeply committed to serving his community, Gerald Jacobowitz is the founding director of Orange County Pro-Bono Legal Services and is the founder and past president of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan; he currently serves as a director of the Meyer and Lillian Jacobowitz Charitable Foundation and is also a member of the Orange County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Jacobowitz has also displayed a strong dedication to helping others through his work as vice president/director of Families First New York, and his membership in Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gerald Jacobowitz 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 this remarkable man has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commend Gerald Jacobowitz for his distinguished service after 50 years of practicing law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gerald Jacobowitz.