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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Christopher Larsen upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by Dominican College on June 8, 2014

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 who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and WHEREAS, Christopher Larsen 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 Christopher Larsen upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by Dominican College, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Trump National Golf Club, Briarcliff Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dominican College is an independent, four-year and master's-level liberal arts college with a mission to promote educational excellence, leadership, and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community; and

WHEREAS, This year, Dominican College is presenting its Person of the Year Award to Chris Larsen in recognition of his outstanding professional leadership, his philanthropic community commitments, and his high ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Christopher "Chris" Larsen is a principal of Halmar International, one of the largest civil contractors in the nation; an important part of the company for almost 30 years, he became a partner in 1996, and has led the company since 2000; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has displayed excellent leadership in the construction industry, serving on the boards of the Associated General

Contractors of New York and New Jersey, the General Contractors Association and the New York Building Congress; in addition, he has served on the task forces for the World Trade Center redevelopment, and Superstorm Sandy resiliency; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Christopher Larsen received the Association for Bridge Construction and Design's Engineer of the Year Award for his innovative work on the I-287 Cross Westchester Viaduct project; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Larsen 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, Committed to helping others, Christopher Larsen has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, coached youth basketball, and contributed to local food pantries and libraries, as well as raised funds for 9/11 Port Authority families; furthermore, he is a long-time supporter of the Wounded Warriors Project, and is proud that his company was one of the first in the Hudson Valley to hire veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Christopher Larsen has served on the Dominican College Board of Directors, helping support the college's mission of educational excellence, leadership and community service; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Colleen, and their son, Conor, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher Larsen upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by Dominican College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Larsen.