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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Northern Rivers Family Services and Parsons Child and Family Center

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Northern Rivers Family Services and Parsons Child and Family Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Albany Country Club in Voorheesville, New York, on Tuesday, June 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer, a graduate of the Harvard School of Education, began his career at Parsons Child and Family Center in 1982; he served in a number of roles, including assistant executive director, and director of residence and education; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, this esteemed man became executive director of Parsons, where he served admirably for many years; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Schimmer's dedication to helping children and their families led to him becoming the CEO of Northern Rivers Family Services, the parent company that sets administrative and clinical direction for Parsons Child and Family Center, and Northeast Parent and Child Society; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Raymond Schimmer was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; his professionalism and kindness earned him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man 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, A member of numerous civic and non-profit organizations, Raymond Schimmer is a member of the Child Welfare League of America's advisory board and the Chair of CWLA's Walker Trieschman advisory board, as well as President of the New York State Coalition for Children's Mental Health Services and President of the board of Albany Academy for Girls; furthermore, he has served as Vice-President of the New York State Chapter 853 Schools Coalition and the board of the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Raymond Schimmer has served as an adjunct professor at The Rockefeller College of the State University of New York and has published many important articles on residential care and nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Raymond Schimmer 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 honor Raymond Schimmer upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Northern Rivers Family Services and Parsons Child and Family Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond Schimmer.