

## 2013-J5455

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Charles Touhey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School

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 organizations and 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charles Touhey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School; he will be honored at its First Annual Green Tech High Honors the Community Banquet on Friday, June 13, 2014, at UAlbany, SUNY, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charles Touhey is the President of Touhey and Associates, a commercial leasing company in Albany, New York; a former middle school teacher in Albany's South End neighborhood, and an adjunct instructor in African American Literature and Black and White Relations in America, he has been a passionate advocate for culturally relevant teaching materials and resources for teacher development; and

WHEREAS, Charles Touhey is the Founder of the Touhey Family Foundation which supports teachers in Albany City Schools around culturally relevant teaching materials and activities; in 2013, the foundation provided such materials to more than 150 Albany City School teachers; this dedicated man established a Multicultural Collection at the College of St. Rose's Patricia Standish Curriculum Library in 2001; the collection continues to be used by student teachers and faculty, and serves as a resource for teachers throughout the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Charles Touhey 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, From 1976 to 1981, he was an elected member of the Albany Board of Education, and from 1991 to 1995 he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of WMHT Public Television; in addition, he was a member of the Arbor Hill Elementary School Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charles Touhey 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 Charles Touhey has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Charles Touhey upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Green Tech High Charter School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Touhey.