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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pastor Charlie Muller 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Pastor Charlie Muller 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, Pastor Charlie Muller is Senior Pastor at Victory Christian Church; this distinguished man of God has devoted himself and his ministry to the well-being and support of at-risk and vulnerable children in Albany's inner-city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, Pastor Charlie Muller's programs have aimed to fill the gaps caused by failed or absent parenting, providing children with adult supervision, meals, after-school tutoring, and recreational opportunities, particularly through the Dream Center teen ministry; in addition, the Let's Make A Deal Thrift Shop in Albany's South End, which sells used furniture and household supplies, raises funds that further assist Albany youth; and

WHEREAS, A former used-car salesman who felt called to make a difference in people's lives, Pastor Charlie Muller volunteered for several years at Berkshire Farm juvenile detention facility in Canaan, Columbia

County, preaching and working with troubled youths; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Charlie Muller 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, This tireless man co-directs an anti-violence program,

ENOUGH, which provides anti-violence education and aims to decrease violence with its gun buyback program; to date this program has resulted in 450 fewer guns on Albany streets; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, to commend Pastor Charlie Muller 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 Pastor Charlie Muller.