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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Matthew P. Stoddard upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation on June 5, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in 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 commend Matthew P. Stoddard upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation; he will be honored at its 8th Annual Labor Heroes Celebration on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at The Clubhouse at Patriot Hills, Stony Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew P. Stoddard, President and Business Agent of International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers Local (BSOIW) 417 is the recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2014 Phil "Toppo" Moresco Award; and

WHEREAS, Matthew P. Stoddard graduated from Newburgh Free Academy in 1981, and was accepted into the Ironworkers Local 417 Apprentice Training Program immediately following graduation; he has been engaged with union activities ever since; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about his work, Matthew P. Stoddard is an active member of the Hudson Valley Building Trades, as well as Rockland and Westchester Putnam Building Trades; and

WHEREAS, Matthew P. Stoddard was extremely active in all Central Labor Councils in the Hudson Valley and the area Labor Federation; prior to his election as President in 2012, and Business Agent in 2007, of Ironworkers Local 417, he served his local as an Executive Board Member and as Recording Secretary; and

WHEREAS, This committed leader has also served as a trustee on the Pension, Annuity, and Health Funds, Delegate to Ironworkers District Council, and Coordinator for the Ironworkers Apprentice Program; he also serves as the local's Political Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Matthew P. Stoddard's priority has been to strengthen the labor movement in the Hudson Valley by keeping jobs local and being active in the community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Erin, and their son, Matthew, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Matthew P. Stoddard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2014 Phil "Topy" Moresco Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew P. Stoddard.