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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sam Fratto 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 Sam Fratto 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, Sam Fratto, Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 363 (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), is the recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2014 Joe Hill Award; and WHEREAS, Sam Fratto is a 36-year IBEW member and, for 27 of those years, he has served as an active, full-time advocate and agent for the IBEW and for the working people in the Hudson Valley and New York State; and

WHEREAS, A well-known labor leader throughout the Hudson Valley, the IBEW and the State of New York, Sam Fratto is a staunch protector of workers' rights, worker safety, and fair wages; and

WHEREAS, Under Sam Fratto's exemplary leadership, IBEW Local 363 has maintained a strong commitment to the community, engaging in such activities as contributing funds for a new wing at Good Samaritan Hospital, and providing volunteers to install new lighting at the Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council camp facility; in addition, the Local supports yearly service events including a blood-bank drive for the

American Red Cross, and the American Heart Association's Walk-for-Life;
and

WHEREAS, The outstanding civic investment demonstrated by Sam Fratto and members of the Local was recognized by the Rockland County Business Association; in 2014, IBEW Local 363 became the first labor union to ever receive its Corporate Citizen of the Year award; 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 Sam Fratto upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2014 Joe Hill Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Fratto.