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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stefan J. Kalogridis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPAN of the Year Award by the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association on June 3, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Stefan J. Kalogridis has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stefan J. Kalogridis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPAN of the Year Award by the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association, which was celebrated on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at the Saint Sophia Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Stefan J. Kalogridis, owner of Colvin Wine Merchants, 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 the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association (AHEPA) since 2003, Stefan J. Kalogridis was President of the Albany Chapter #140 for three years, and was also Secretary of District 6 (NY State); in addition he was the organizer of the first "Greek Day" at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, A member of numerous civic and professional organizations, this esteemed man has served on the boards of American Beverage Licenses and the New York State Liquor Association, where he also served as President for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Stefan J. Kalogridis is the co-Founder of The Last Store On Main Street, an organization which advocates for small businesses; furthermore, he has worked to protect our youth from underage drinking and has raised awareness of products which constitute new dangers to our youth; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding service, Stefan J. Kalogridis has been recognized with the 2014 Brown-Forman National Retailer of the Year Award, the 2013 Presidential Award and the 2009 NY State Liquor Store Association Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stefan J. Kalogridis has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Nelli, and their two sons, Alexander and Nicholas, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stefan J. Kalogridis has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stefan J. Kalogridis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPAN of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stefan J. Kalogridis.