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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Burt J. Blustein upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Fifty Year Service Award by the Orange County Bar Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those singular individuals who devote their purposeful lives and careers to preserving the rights and protecting the welfare of the citizens of their community and 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 honor Burt J. Blustein upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Fifty Year Service Award by the Orange County Bar Association, celebrated at its 103rd Annual Awards and Business Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club, Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1940, Burt Blustein graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1961; he completed his Juris Doctorate at the Brooklyn Law School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, After five decades practicing in the field of Law, litigation and business and corporate representation are the primary focus of Burt J. Blustein's practice; he is recognized as one of the leading commercial litigators in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, As the senior member of the firm, Blustein, Shapiro, Rich & Barone, LLP, Burt J. Blustein serves as a mentor to the younger attorneys; in addition to his vast trial level experience, he has argued appeals at all levels, including the New York Court of Appeals; and WHEREAS, Burt J. Blustein is a member of the New York Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for both

the Southern and Northern Districts; he is a member and past president of the Middletown Bar Association, as well as a member of the American, New York State and Orange County Bar Associations; and WHEREAS, In addition, Burt J. Blustein served for fifteen years on the Orange County Bar Association Grievance Committee, five of which, as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Burt J. Blustein upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Fifty Year Service Award by the Orange County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Burt J. Blustein.