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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Roger Leclaire upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Washington County Bar Association

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, are reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Roger Leclaire upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Washington County Bar Association, celebrated at its Law Day Ceremony, on Thursday, May 1, 2014, in Fort Edward, New York; and

WHEREAS, This most prestigious award is bestowed by local bar associations in conjunction with Law Day to honor outstanding citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen who has given of themselves to strengthen the effectiveness of the American system of freedom under law, in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of America's form of government, especially the Bill of Rights; encourage greater respect for the law in the courts; educate people in the contrast between totalitarianism and freedom under law; or stimulate the deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; and

WHEREAS, Roger Leclaire 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, For three decades, Roger Leclaire has served honorably as a

law enforcement officer in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary leader, Roger Leclaire diligently worked to protect the people of his community in his capacity as a County Sheriff for 16 years; furthermore, he has served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Colonel; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roger Leclaire upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Washington County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roger Leclaire.