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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Provoncha upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Essex 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 Joseph Provoncha upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Essex County Bar Association, celebrated on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the Deer's Head Restaurant in Elizabethtown, New York; and WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell 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, Joseph Provoncha 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, An exemplary leader, Joseph Provoncha has served admirably in

the position of County Clerk; he is receiving this prestigious award for his outstanding public service; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Provoncha has served with the retired Seniors Volunteer Program, the local 4-H Board, the Arts Council, the Substance Abuse Prevention Team, and he is also the Chaplain of the North Hudson Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable man has displayed throughout his life; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph Provoncha upon the occasion of receiving the 2014 Liberty Bell Award from the Essex County Bar Association; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Provoncha.