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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Martin, Harding & Mazzotti upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Hope House

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Martin, Harding & Mazzotti upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Hope House which was celebrated at its Annual Circle of Hope Dinner on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Hope House was founded over 45 years ago in recognition of the need in the community to have quality substance abuse treatment services available in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, While it started as a modest residential facility, Hope House has grown into multiple programs providing services for adults, adolescents, and women with children, as well as outpatient and preventative services, mental health services, and a supportive housing program; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Martin, Harding & Mazzotti was formed by Bruce Martin, Paul Harding, and Victor Mazzotti who joined together to establish a law firm dedicated solely to the representation of injured individuals, with an emphasis on providing each client with an exemplary level of service; and

WHEREAS, Though Martin, Harding & Mazzotti started with a few employees in Schenectady, New York, the firm has since grown to 70 employees with staffed offices in Niskayuna and Albany, New York, as well as

Manchester and Burlington, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Martin, Harding & Mazzotti is a community leader in its efforts to reduce driving under the influence of alcohol by offering a free cab ride home program on major holidays; the program keeps those individuals from driving under the influence by providing them with a safe alternative to get home; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 Martin, Harding & Mazzotti upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by Hope House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martin, Harding & Mazzotti.