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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Barranca upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Siena College

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael J. Barranca upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Siena College, to be celebrated with an Awards Ceremony in the Sarazen Student Union, Loudonville, New York on Tuesday, March 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognizes an alum who, driven by the entrepreneurial spirit and values of Siena College, has excelled as an entrepreneur and positively impacted his community; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Michael J. Barranca has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Barranca, who graduated from Siena College in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics, is the Vice President of Rowlands + Barranca Agency, an employee benefits specialist firm he co-founded in 1996; and

WHEREAS, By 2012, under the luminous direction of Michael J. Barranca, Rowlands + Barranca had grown tremendously to become the Capital Region's fourth-largest health insurance agency; just one year later,

the firm was acquired by Brown & Brown Inc. of Daytona Beach, Florida, one of the nation's largest insurance companies, for which it now operates as a unit; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Barranca's demonstrated excellence in starting and sustaining a successful company, supported by his dedication to strong business ethics and commitment to give back to his community, offers current Siena College students a sterling example of the right way to pursue an entrepreneurial career; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man began his illustrious career as an actuarial analyst for Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield; he later served as director of finance and actuarial services for Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, and as manager of employee benefits for a large independent insurance agency in the Capital Region before incorporating Rowlands + Barranca Agency; and

WHEREAS, Now in its 19th year, Rowlands + Barranca serves clients throughout the Northeast and beyond, specializing in employee benefits, including the brokering of health, dental, life, AD&D, LTD, STD, and a host of other benefit policies; the company also provides FSA and HRA administration, consolidated billing options, COBRA billing and administration, and enrollment processing; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Susan, and their three beautiful children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Michael J. Barranca upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Siena College, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Barranca.