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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Rider, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Recognition Award by Orange AHRC on April 9, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 David Rider, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Recognition Award by Orange AHRC to be celebrated on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1954, Orange AHRC provides services and housing to children and adults with developmental disabilities including those with autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and intellectual and learning disorders; its mission is to assist people with disabilities in becoming respected and valued members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Orange AHRC is focused on promoting community membership for adults with disabilities in three major areas: employment, volunteerism, and group affiliation; through active engagement in public life, the men and women supported by the agency gain both respect and visibility; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime resident of Newburgh, New York, David Rider attended local public schools, and earned a bachelors degree from Cornell University; he earned his law degree from Yale Law School; and

WHEREAS, David Rider proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Intelligence branch with active duty in Vietnam,

holding the rank of First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, David Rider, Esq. is a founding partner of Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C., and was the former Corporation Counsel for the City of Newburgh and former Town Attorney for the Town of Newburgh; he also served as President of the Orange County Bar Association and as member of the 9th Judicial District Grievance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Currently, David Rider, Esq. is a member of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York Merit Selection Panel, helping with the selection of federal magistrate judges; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others in his community, David Rider, Esq. has served on the St. Luke's Hospital Board of Directors for more than 20 years, and is also on the boards of various other charitable and service entities, including the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David Rider, Esq. has served as general counsel to the Orange County Land Trust, Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley, and other service organizations dedicated to improving the lives of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man has volunteered innumerable hours of service to organizations devoted to empowering people with disabilities including Independent Living, Inc. of Newburgh, Occupations (now Access), and Orange AHRC; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, David Rider, Esq. is married and is the proud father of three sons and the loving grandfather of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, David Rider is a member of the New York Metropolitan Opera and enjoys performing opera himself; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Rider, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Recognition Award by the Orange AHRC; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Rider, Esq.