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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Scott H. Perra, FACHE upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious individuals and institutions of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Scott H. Perra, FACHE upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, Scott H. Perra is the President/CEO of Mohawk Valley Health System of Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and all related corporations in Utica, New York; he will receive this auspicious award for his professional behavior, corporate innovation, and enduring commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Scott H. Perra, Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) is comprised of 573 acute care beds, 202 long-term care beds, and over 50 locations in Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison Counties, serving a multi-county area of central New York; and

WHEREAS, MVHS is an integrated delivery system with 4,200 full time employees; this worthy corporation has over 25,000 inpatient admissions and 600,000 outpatient visits annually; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Scott H. Perra joined St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital, becoming the Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer in 1989;

he remained in this position through the Faxton Hospital and St. Luke's-Memorial Hospital Center consolidation beginning in November of 1998, and was appointed as President/CEO in January of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Scott H. Perra received his Master of Science degree in Management Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton, and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Management from the State University of New York College of Technology, Utica, New York; in 2000, he was designated a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives; and

WHEREAS, In September 2012, Scott H. Perra was elected to the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company Board; he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Healthcare Association of New York State, and VHA Empire Metro, and served as Chairman of the Iroquois Healthcare Association, which covers 32 counties and 53 hospitals in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Active in the Mohawk Valley, Scott H. Perra currently serves as Chairman of Mohawk Valley Heart Institute, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Mohawk Valley EDGE Board of Directors, Excel-lus Utica Regional Advisory Board, Audit and Compliance Committee for the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc., and NBT Bank's Mohawk Valley Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Previously, Scott H. Perra served on the ACHE Regents Advisory Council and Professional Advisory Committee for the Health Services Management Program at SUNY IT, and is the past Chairman of the Board of Directors for St. Luke's Home; he also served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Centrex Clinical Laboratories; and

WHEREAS, Scott H. Perra's previous board service includes the Board of Directors and Finance and Executive Committees for Hospice Care, Inc., Mohawk Valley Advisory Board for Adirondack Bank, Oneida County School and Business Alliance Board of Directors, and Grants Committee member of the Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, With his proven business leadership abilities and his evident dedication to his community, Scott H. Perra is the quintessential selection for the prestigious Business Person of the Year Award; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Scott H. Perra, FACHE upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Scott H. Perra, FACHE.