

## 2015-J1487

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Juan Julio George upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Juan Julio George has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Juan Julio George upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Juan Julio George will receive this award for his valuable business achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Juan Julio George moved to the United States in 1966, where he attended Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem, New York; and

WHEREAS, Juan Julio George attended the State University of New York at Oswego, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and continued his graduate work at the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Juan Julio George began his illustrious career with

the Desmond Hotel, where he held the esteemed position as the Director of Services; in 2010, he retired as the Director of Operations, overseeing a staff of over 75 employees; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Juan Julio George founded Latino Publishing & Communications to provide a vehicle in which ideas and information could be effectively communicated inside and outside of the Latino community in the New York Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Juan Julio George, the organization has provided a platform for the creation of Latino Radio Online, LATINO NEW YORK MAGAZINE, Latino E-Zine, and Latino Direct Mailer; and

WHEREAS, Juan Julio George has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; from 1992 to 1998, he served in various capacities at the Whitney M. Young Health Center including Nominating Committee Chair, and Chairman of the Board; he also served on the Board of Directors for The Altamont Program, and the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Juan Julio George is involved with the Capital District YMCA, where he was an active member of the Board of Directors from 2005 to 2007; currently, he serves as President of the YMCA's Black & Latino Achievers Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Juan Julio George is on the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, and is an avid supporter of their mission to help the poor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Juan Julio George has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 43 years, the former Maria Luisa Contreras, and their two children, Nefsi Claudina and Juan Luis, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Juan Julio George has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Juan Julio George upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Juan Julio George.