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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Henry J. Steadman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Henry J. Steadman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services 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; Dr. Henry J. Steadman will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted healthcare service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected individual in the field of sociology, Dr. Henry J. Steadman holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from Boston College, as well as a PhD in Sociology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Since 1987, Dr. Henry J. Steadman has been the Founder/President of Policy Research Associates; its mission is to create positive social changes for individuals who are disadvantaged through technical assistance, research, and training; and

WHEREAS, Prior to establishing Policy Research Associates, Dr. Henry J. Steadman ran the research bureau for the New York State Office of

Mental Health for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry J. Steadman devotes his time and energies on the lines crossing mental health, behavioral health, and legal issues; his primary work focuses on risk assessment, the movement of populations between corrections and mental health post deinstitutionalization, and the sequential intercept model of diversion options for the mentally ill incarcerated populations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry J. Steadman has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; currently, he is involved with the SAMHSA'S GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, the Service Members, Veterans and their Families Technical Assistance Center, the NIJ Juvenile Mental Health Court Study, and maximizing the impact of the Langeloth Foundation's Behavioral Health and Justice Portfolio; and

WHEREAS, A man of many accomplishments, Dr. Henry J. Steadman has received numerous awards and accolades recognizing his outstanding work including the Distinguished Public Service Award by the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany, Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology by the American Sociology Association, William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award by the American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology, and the Distinguished Service Award by the National Alliance on Mental Illness; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Henry J. Steadman is the author of eight books, over 150 journal articles, 20 chapters for other individuals' publications, and numerous renowned reports; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Dr. Henry J. Steadman enjoys golfing, hiking, biking, and running; he also boasts having completed 14 marathons; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those

outstanding individuals within the State of New York whose achievements in the field of mental health serve as an inspiration to all; and WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations which bring greater awareness to mental health issues, and assist people with mental illnesses in their quest for dignity and independence, are a great benefit to the health and welfare of all citizens; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Henry J. Steadman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Henry J. Steadman.