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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Caropreso upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Eastern Contractors Association on April 24, 2015

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, Anthony Caropreso 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 Anthony Caropreso upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Eastern Contractors Association, to be celebrated on April 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Contractors Association (ECA) traces its history back to 1890 and the Albany Builders Exchange, which eventually merged with the organizations in Schenectady and Troy; what began as individual efforts by the contractors in the three distinct cities 125 years ago, has grown into a full-service Association serving the needs of all segments of the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Caropreso, affectionately known as Tony, has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For more than one third of Eastern Contractors Association's 125-year history, Tony Caropreso has been its one constant; starting with ECA in 1969 as Assistant Managing Director, he was instrumental in the success of such projects as the Empire State Plaza construction and the groundbreaking of ECA's current home, the Building Industry Center; and

WHEREAS, After 14 years of distinguished service, Tony Caropreso was promoted to Managing Director of the Association, the esteemed position he held for more than two decades; during this time, he led contract negotiations with numerous union organizations, provided guidance to contractors and grew the organization's program offerings; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he became a leader within the broader industry, sitting on numerous committees and heading up state, regional and national groups for the betterment of ECA, its members and the construction community; and

WHEREAS, As one of the most respected Trustees on jointly-administered Fringe Benefit Funds, Tony Caropreso was honored by his peers when he was elected President and Chairman of the Board of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans in 2000; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Tony Caropreso stepped down as Managing Director and assumed the position of Labor Relations Director; since then, he has continued to assist in negotiating and administering Collective Bargaining Agreements and resolving jurisdictional disputes and grievances; and

WHEREAS, For nearly five decades, Tony Caropreso has made a profound impression on countless people both professionally and personally with his unwavering friendship, contributions and leadership; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Tony Caropreso has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Anthony Caropreso upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Eastern Contractors Association on April 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Caropreso.