

## 2015-J1565

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Ruth & James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Ruth & James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Orange County Citizens Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Orange County residents by bringing people together to preserve the county's environmental and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, The Ruth & James Ottaway Medal is given each year to an individual who has displayed extraordinary achievement and outstanding service to the community; and

WHEREAS, James Smith is the founder and President of Advance Testing, a consulting construction materials testing laboratory which has provided its clients with outstanding service in both field inspection and laboratory analysis of construction materials since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Starting from humble beginnings, James Smith worked tirelessly to establish Advance Testing as a serious competitor for materials testing and inspection contracts in the Mid-Hudson region; he has strived to build a reputation for excellence as provider of responsive,

high quality services; and

WHEREAS, Today, Advance Testing operates a state of the art materials testing facility in Campbell Hall with over 100 employees; its operations extend around the clock, both in the field and in the lab, to support the needs of clients in the public and private fields; and

WHEREAS, James Smith has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is a member of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Newburgh Rotary, the Hudson Valley Boy Scout Council, SUNY Orange, Mount Saint Mary College and the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp.; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, James Smith 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 James Smith has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Smith upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Ruth & James Ottaway Medal by the Orange County Citizens Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Smith.