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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matt Chandler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Writing Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge individuals within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary writers it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Matt Chandler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Writing Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1948, the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA) is the nation's professional organization of independent non-fiction writers; it provides its members with benefits and services focusing on career development, and opportunities for members to explore issues and concerns with their peers; and

WHEREAS, The ASJA Writing Awards honor the non-fiction work produced on a freelance basis by independent writers in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Matt Chandler, a resident of Blasdell, New York, is being recognized with the 2015 ASJA Writing Award, his first award as an author, for his non-fiction book for children, *BASEBALL STARS: COMPARING THE GAME'S GREATEST PLAYERS*, published in 2014 by Capstone Press and *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED KIDS*; and

WHEREAS, A respected journalist, Matt Chandler's writings have also earned him six New York Press Association Awards; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those authors who enhance the vitality of their field and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matt Chandler upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Writing Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matt Chandler.