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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jay Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 19, 2015

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 individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jay Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy to be celebrated at its 16th Annual Evening of Mercy Gala on May 19, 2015, at The Yale Club of New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy work passionately to eliminate poverty, the widespread denial of human rights, the degradation of earth, the increase in violence and racism, the continued oppression of women, the abuse of children, the mistreatment of immigrants and the lack of solidarity among people and nations; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Jay Sullivan earned his Bachelor's degree in English from Boston College; after graduating, he was employed at the Boston College International Volunteer Program teaching English language, composition and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jay Sullivan wrote a book about that experience, RAISING GENTLE MEN: LIVES AT THE ORPHANAGE EDGE, which was published in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jay Sullivan received his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law, New York City, in 1989; that year, he was named among the first class of Skadden Fellows by the Skadden Foundation; and

WHEREAS, As a Skadden Fellow, Jay Sullivan acted as in-house legal counsel at Covenant House, a crisis shelter for runaway and homeless teenagers; following his Fellowship, he spent seven years practicing insurance law on behalf of Lloyds of London; and

WHEREAS, Today, Jay Sullivan is the Managing Partner at Exec-Comm and leads the firm's Law Firm Group; whether working with groups or in one-on-one coaching arrangements, he helps professionals by teaching them to focus on the needs of their audiences; and

WHEREAS, Jay Sullivan was also a featured columnist for the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, where his column, "The Art of Communication" appeared regularly; as a freelance writer, he has been published in READERS DIGEST, CATHOLIC DIGEST, PARENTS MAGAZINE, THE GOLFER, and THE NEW YORK TIMES; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 commend Jay Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jay Sullivan.