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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colin Jarvis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those 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 individuals 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 Colin Jarvis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man 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 being honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission in recognition of his steadfast dedication to his community and his work to build better relationships among diverse people, encouraging them to participate in community life on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, Colin Jarvis began his illustrious career in social services working in his country, the twin island state of Antigua and Barbuda; in 1984, he was awarded a scholarship to pursue a bachelor's degree at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation in 1988, Colin Jarvis returned to Antigua

to work on a United Nations Workforce project; four years later he returned to the United States and completed his master's program and has remained ever since; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his nearly three decade career, Colin Jarvis was tirelessly committed to community development and community organizing both in the United States and abroad; he has served countless organizations some of which include, the United States Aid for International Development, the Pan American Health Organization, and the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Colin Jarvis has had the privilege of working with international foundations such as Meals for Millions, Freedom from Hunger Foundation and the Inter-American Foundation where he was instrumental in addressing the issue of poverty in the Third World and Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, During the last 18 years, Colin Jarvis' work in the United States has ranged from serving the homeless population to crafting workforce development programs for disenfranchised youth and adults; he has had the opportunity to successfully write grants to fund a variety of workforce development programs which have greatly contributed to serving the needs of the poor and the communities that remain on the fringe; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Colin Jarvis 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 Colin Jarvis 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 Colin Jarvis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Human Rights Commission on May 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colin Jarvis.