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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nicholas J. Faso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Paul J. Curran Award for Pro Bono Service by the Prisoners' Legal Services of New York

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, Nicholas J. Faso 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 Nicholas J. Faso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Paul J. Curran Award for Pro Bono Service by the Prisoners' Legal Services of New York; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 4th Annual Pro Bono Event on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at the Albany Barn, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Paul J. Curran Award for Pro Bono Service was established in honor of the late Paul J. Curran, who served as the Chairman of Prisoners' Legal Services' Board of Directors for more than a decade; this auspicious award is presented to the volunteer who most embodies a commitment to defending the rights of incarcerated New Yorkers by providing pro bono services; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man 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, Originally from Kinderhook, New York, Nicholas J. Faso attended The Albany Academy and Skidmore College; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Faso graduated summa cum laude from Albany Law School, during which time he was the Executive Editor for Symposium of

the ALBANY LAW REVIEW and an intern in the chambers of the Honorable Lawrence E. Kahn, United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in his final year, Nicholas J. Faso along with his co-counsel were the winners of the Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials, a year-long trial advocacy competition; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Faso is an Associate with Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP, where his principal area of practice is commercial litigation; he is admitted to practice in New York State, and is a member of both the Albany County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Nicholas J. Faso has provided pro bono representation to prisoners challenging disciplinary determinations; he also currently serves on the Boards of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and the Albany Academy Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Nicholas J. Faso 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 Nicholas J. Faso 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 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 honor Nicholas J. Faso upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the Paul J. Curran Award for Pro Bono Service by the Prisoners' Legal Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas J. Faso.