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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Robert R. Dyson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Legal Services of the Hudson Valley on October 8, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert R. Dyson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, to be celebrated at its Dutchess Partners in Justice Reception on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at the Alumnae House at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides free, high quality counsel in civil matters for individuals and families who cannot afford to pay an attorney where basic human needs are at stake; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization is the only provider of comprehensive civil legal services to all seven counties of the Hudson Valley including Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, Robert R. Dyson earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Marietta College, Ohio, and then received his MBA from the Johnson School of Business at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, On April 19, 2007, Robert R. Dyson was inducted into the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management Hall of Honor, the highest form of recognition rendered by the Dean in the name of the

Johnson community; and

WHEREAS Currently, Robert R. Dyson holds the position of both Chairman and CEO of The Dyson-Kissner-Moran Corporation, a privately owned, diversified holding company which was founded by his father, Charles H. Dyson, in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Robert R. Dyson owns and manages a diverse array of private investments, and was the founder and owner of a regional radio broadcasting group of radio stations in the Hudson Valley of Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, The role of a community leader is one which comes naturally to Robert R. Dyson; currently, he serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Marist College, a life member of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, and a member of the Board of Directors of Health Quest Systems, Inc., the parent board of both Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Northern Dutchess Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, Robert R. Dyson has held the esteemed title of President of the Dyson Foundation; in a regional level, the Foundation supports a diverse array of organizations throughout the Mid-Hudson Valley of Upstate New York from the colleges and hospitals, to community centers and arts programs; nationally, the Foundation is involved in making grants primarily training in community pediatrics; and

WHEREAS, Yet another interest and passion of Robert R. Dyson's is Dyson Racing, one of the top-rated sports car racing teams in the country; Dyson Racing has won almost all of the major professional International Motor Sports Association's sanctioned races in the country, and has twice garnered overall wins in the prestigious Daytona 24 Hour competition; today, Robert continues to drive for his team; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Emilie, and their two children, Christopher and Molly, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 commend Robert R. Dyson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Legal Services of the Hudson Valley on October 8, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert R. Dyson.