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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Committee upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Awards Breakfast on September 8, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Committee upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at The Beeches, Rome, New York, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, The Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Breakfast was established in 2013 to recognize outstanding Rome citizens who exemplify the ideals of Francis J. Bellamy, the author of the "Pledge of Allegiance," who was a Rome native; and

WHEREAS, Charles Roe, John Mazzaferro and Carl Eilenberg were chosen for this esteemed recognition for their unparalleled character, generosity, and positive influence on the community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rome, New York on April 16, 1945, Charles Roe will be honored posthumously with the Francis J. Bellamy Community Award; a graduate of the Rome Free Academy and Utica College, he served in the United States Army and worked as a Senior Account Executive at Bailey, Haskell & LaLonde Insurance Agency for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Chip, Charles Roe served his community as Chairman of the Board of the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce from 2002-2003; he was a member of the Lake Delta Yacht Club, Rome Elks Lodge and Past President of the Rome Youth Hockey Association; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of the Francis J. Bellamy Community Award, John Mazzaferro is President of the Rome Common Council; having served in that capacity for the past 36 years, he is the longest serving Council President in Rome's history; and

WHEREAS, John Mazzaferro has been active in the business community, as well as in economic development, youth programs and senior citizen assistance; he is well known for his volunteer shoveling program in the winter months for senior and disabled residents, and also conducts the "Are You Okay" Program in cooperation with the Rome Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Carl Eilenberg, Mayor of Rome from 1980 until 1992, will be honored with the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award; in addition to his illustrious career as a renowned public servant, Carl is known as a voice of Syracuse athletics, having worked as a broadcaster and the public address announcer at the Carrier Dome for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Carl Eilenberg has been a steadfast volunteer at WCNY-TV, hosting talk, discussion, and sports, as well as broadcasting live events, including hockey, Pop Warner football, and high school and college sports; he has also spent more than three decades giving tirelessly of his time and energies to the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charles Roe, John Mazzaferro and Carl Eilenberg have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community 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 commend the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Committee upon the occa-

sion of hosting its Annual Awards Breakfast on September 8, 2015, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further
RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Francis J. Bellamy Community Awards Committee, John Mazzaferro, Carl Eilenberg, and to the family of Charles Roe.