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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John P. Sindoni, Esq. upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Distinguished Lawyer of the Year by the Onondaga County Bar Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the State of New York to recognize those esteemed individuals within our midst whose professional lives, personal endeavors and dedicated community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to hereby recognize and congratulate John P. Sindoni, Esq. upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Onondaga County Bar Association's Distinguished Lawyer of the Year celebrated at its 140th Annual Dinner held on Thursday, October 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, John P. Sindoni graduated from Christian Brothers Academy; he then went on to earn his degree from the College of Holy Cross, and subsequently, Cornell University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Cornell Law School in 1970, John P. Sindoni immediately joined Hiscock & Barclay, now Barclay Damon, and started working in the Real Estate Practice Area, where he currently remains a partner of the law firm; and

WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, John P. Sindoni has been practicing in real estate, financial transactions and related business matters; he has represented numerous institutional mortgage lenders in all aspects of mortgage loan transactions, and has held the position of Chair of the Real Estate Practice Area for Barclay Damon for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding commitment and dedication, John P. Sindo-

ni has received several professional awards including Best Lawyers in America 2016, Syracuse Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year," and the Catholic Charities of Onondaga County's 2009 Monsignor Charles J. Brady Award; and

WHEREAS, John P. Sindoni's strong work ethic was instilled in him as a child; he enjoyed helping out with the family-owned and operated business, Joseph J. Sindoni Wholesale Foods on North Salina Street in Syracuse, New York; throughout the years, he continued to help his father unload food trucks in the morning until the business closed its doors in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Along with his superlative work within the legal community, John P. Sindoni has committed himself to volunteering his time and efforts with numerous local non-profit organizations such as the Knights of Malta Federal Association and the Board of Trustees of Onondaga Community College; in addition, he is a Development Committee Member of OnPoint for College, a board member of both the Franciscans in Collaborative Ministries and the Eldercare Foundation, and a former board President of the Syracuse-area Catholic Charities; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, throughout his 44-year legal career, John P. Sindoni has been a long time member and supporter of the New York State Bar Association and the Onondaga County Bar Association; and WHEREAS, In addition to his work on various community boards, John P. Sindoni, along with his wife, Cecilia, have devoted a significant amount of hands-on volunteer work with Ignatian Volunteer Corps Syracuse, which provides men and women the opportunity to serve the needs of those who are poor; this remarkable man also spends 15 hours each week in local food pantries and soup kitchens to help provide aid to low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Cecilia, their six children, and their seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 honor John P. Sindoni, Esq. upon the occasion of being named the 2015 Distinguished Lawyer of the Year by the Onondaga County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John P. Sindoni, Esq.