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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Corporate Bell Award by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 organizations, businesses, and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Corporate Bell Award by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. (MHA), to be celebrated at its Silver Ball on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the Falkirk Estate and Country Club in Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. proudly honors outstanding organizations, businesses, and members of the community who give unselfishly of themselves to help make the lives of others fulfilling, recognizing them for their dedication to the community and their commitment to MHA's mission; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. seeks to promote the positive mental health and emotional well-being of Orange County residents, working toward reducing the stigma of mental illness and developmental disabilities, and providing support to victims of sexual assault and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, Working in partnership with service recipients, families, volunteers and the community, MHA strives to fulfill its mission through

advocacy, direct service, education and information dissemination; and  
WHEREAS, The Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. is part of the international organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League was organized in 1901 in New York City; 15 years later, the Junior Welfare League of Newburgh was founded, and in 1922, was established as the Junior League of Newburgh (JLN), Inc.; furthermore, a Middletown committee of the JLN was created in 1928, and in 1973, the Newburgh and Middletown units merged forming the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, For over 87 years, the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. has had an accomplished history of providing the community with valuable programs through a process of identifying gaps in services, forming partnerships, and allocating resources; and

WHEREAS, A strong and viable force in the community, the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. has members placed in voluntary community service, and many belong to other civic organizations as well as serve in board positions in the community; in addition, within the Junior League of Orange County, Inc. its active members serve on League committees, which are instrumental in the operation of the organization; and

WHEREAS, More than 75 women represent the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. and serve as consultants and catalysts to community groups, providing training for both League and community members; and

WHEREAS, The collaborative projects with community partners focus on issues affecting children and families of Orange County; currently, the

Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. is concentrating on women's social and economic empowerment by educating the public on the importance of a healthy and nutritional diet plus exercise; and

WHEREAS, Over this past year, the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. has served the community by sponsoring nearly two dozen recent or ongoing projects, some of which include the Annual Holiday Family Sponsorship, the Clothesline Project, Habitat for Humanity Women Build, the Holiday Hunger Appeal, as well as the Annual Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, The future long-term goals and short-term objectives of the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. are to continue to promote volunteerism and to improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc.'s leadership and vision have been instrumental in helping the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. deliver a range of services and programs needed by children and families; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. has been a supporter of the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. for many years; as a dedicated community partner, it has helped MHA and its programs to flourish, greatly enriching the lives of countless others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. for its unwavering commitment to the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative service to the communities and citizens it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2016 Corporate Bell

Award by the Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Junior League of Orange County, New York, Inc.