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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marty Seaman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 51st Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award to be celebrated on Sunday, February 28, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energy and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Marty Seaman has given not only of his time and energy but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and, consequently, has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Marty Seaman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 51st Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America Albany Post No. 105 to be celebrated at a Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, February 28, 2016, at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Chapel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Four Chaplains gave their lives in the sinking of the troopship Dorchester on February 3, 1943; the Brotherhood Award honors residents of the Capital District whose services and devotion in the practice of brotherhood are deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor exists to promote the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging good will and cooperation among all people; its vision is to impart the principles of selfless service to humanity without regard to race, creed, ethnicity or religion; and

WHEREAS, Marty Seaman of Albany, New York, is an educator and advocate for special needs children who has devoted his life to serving the needs of developmentally challenged and severely ill children; and

WHEREAS, During his career in education, Marty Seaman supported the Rensselaer-Columbia Green BOCES Special Olympics Training Club, prepar-

ing children for the annual sports competition, going on to serve as co-director of the New York State Special Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding man went further in his support to enlist the efforts of his Albany City Lodge Knights of Pythias, developing a program each year to send underprivileged children to regional summer camps; and

WHEREAS, Marty Seaman founded annual fundraising events for the Knights of Pythias on behalf of the Double H Ranch, selling oversized coloring books across the Capital Region; through his personal efforts, the New York State Domain Knights of Pythias has helped raise more than \$80,000 for Double H Ranch; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Marty Seaman has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the vitality and well-being of their community and its citizens, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to humanitarianism, have certainly 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 Marty Seaman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 51st Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marty Seaman.