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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Margaret M. Clark upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness House

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margaret M. Clark upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness House to be celebrated at its 13th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction Event, on Friday, February 5th, 2016, at Belhurst Castle, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Given annually, this auspicious award is presented to board members who go above and beyond their duties as a volunteer, and whose outstanding contributions and accomplishments are consistent with the mission and vision of Happiness House; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Pittsford, New York, Margaret "Peggy" M. Clark retired from her position as Vice President of Government Program Compliance from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in December of 2006 after over 33 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, "Peggy" M. Clark then moved on to serve as the Director of Planning and Capacity Management at the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency for two years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, "Peggy" M. Clark taught at both Monroe Community College and the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport; today, she is a member of the Monroe Community College Advisory Board for Health Information Technology, and SUNY Brockport's Advisory Board for

Masters in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, In January 2015, CP Rochester/United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Rochester Area, Inc. and Happiness House/Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. formed the parent corporation called Ability Partners, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, By officially joining forces under this new parent corporation, the two agencies have developed even greater efficiencies which benefit thousands of adults and children in the Finger Lakes and Greater Rochester regions; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the formation of Ability Partners, Inc., the Happiness House Foundation joined with CP Rochester to create the Ability Partners Foundation; and

WHEREAS, "Peggy" M. Clark strongly believes in the mission and vision of Ability Partners, Inc. and Ability Partners Foundation, and feels the results achieved by the agencies allow children and adults to reach their full potential and positively impact their lives, their families, and the community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband, Bill, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, "Peggy" M. Clark has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her family, friends, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which "Peggy" M. Clark has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor "Peggy" M. Clark upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness

House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret M. Clark.