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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Matthew Bender IV upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Partners for Albany Stories

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

WHEREAS, Matthew Bender IV has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Matthew Bender IV upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Partners for Albany Stories to be celebrated on Monday, February 29, 2016, at the Shaker Heritage Society in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Partners for Albany Stories (PAST) is a collaboration among historical and cultural organizations in the Capital Region with a mission to explore compelling local stories about Albany's vital role in the development of New York State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Bender IV is being honored for his leadership and unwavering commitment as co-Chair of the Heritage Tourism Advisory Council, and for his involvement in the recently drafted City of Albany Heritage Tourism Plan and the new publication, "A Heritage Guide to the Historic Capital City on the Hudson: Albany New York"; and

WHEREAS, A proud Albany native, Matthew Bender IV is a respected philanthropist and local icon who has contributed greatly over the past several decades to the development of the arts, culture, historical preservation, and medical institutions in his community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man is the founder of numerous civic and regional institutions including the Historic Albany Foundation where he was a member of its Board of Directors for many years, and served as its

first President; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Matthew Bender IV serves as Chair of both the Bender Family Foundation and the State Commission of the Restoration of the Capitol; he also continues to serve on such boards as the Preservation League of New York State and Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, With a dedication to highlighting pivotal events in Albany's history, Matthew Bender IV has played a vital role in publishing such books as CAPITOL STORY, ARCHITECTS IN ALBANY and ALBANY ARCHITECTURE BOOK; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Matthew Bender IV has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in 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 Matthew Bender IV upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Partners for Albany Stories; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Bender IV.