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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nicholas Dvorak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Independent Sector Community Service Award by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on March 7, 2016

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nicholas Dvorak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Independent Sector Community Service Award by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Monday, March 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) studying Chemical Engineering with a minor in Management and Technology, Nicholas Dvorak is a perfect example of the next generation of leaders and agents of change; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Nicholas Dvorak is engaged in life-changing research with the Department of Chemical Engineering, focusing on the use of engineered Titanium Dioxide nano particles to target and disrupt cancer cells' metastasis; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this innovative project, Nicholas Dvorak worked on other ventures which supported the Department of Astrobiology and the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; and

WHEREAS, As a student, Nicholas Dvorak holds the esteemed position of President of the Rensselaer Union; in this capacity, he chairs a 20 member Union Executive Board and actively manages an operating budget in excess of \$8 million, including businesses, clubs, and NCAA teams; and

WHEREAS, An incredible asset to the RPI community, Nicholas Dvorak enjoys tutoring his fellow students in Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and Beginning Programming; he has also served as an Undergraduate Mentor and Teacher's Assistant, Treasurer of the Rensselaer Interfraternity Council, Vice President of Finance for Sigma Phi Epsilon, Coordinator of the 1987 Gym, both President and Treasurer of UPAC Lights, and was a member of the Indoor Track Men's team for three years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man received the Rensselaer Medalist for his excellence in science and mathematics and Rensselaer President's Grant for his strong work ethic, high character values, academic achievement and diverse experiences; honored as a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and Rensselaer's Dean's List each semester of attendance, Nicholas Dvorak is truly deserving of this auspicious award; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Dvorak is a perfect example of what RPI has termed Communiversality; which is a core theme of Clustered Learning, Advocacy, and Support for Students or CLASS at Rensselaer where students are encouraged to develop a strong sense of civic engagement and social responsibility; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of 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 honor Nicholas Dvorak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Independent Sector Community Service Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Nicholas Dvorak.