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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Judge William E. Sherwood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rockland Community Foundation on March 31, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Judge William E. Sherwood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rockland Community Foundation to be celebrated at its 2016 Signature Gala on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at the Hudson Water Club, Haverstraw Marina, West Haverstraw, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland Community Foundation is a non-profit corporation governed by a local Board of Directors and an Advisory Board comprised of community leaders; the Foundation is a unifying element in its community which strives to serve donors, non-profit organizations and the community as a whole by encouraging corporate leaders, educators, youth, parents, non-profits, elected officials and the faith community to work toward the common objective of increasing charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Rockland Community Foundation was comprised of 55 private, corporate, public and foundation funds which generously disbursed a large sum through more than 75 grants and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rockland County, Judge William E. Sherwood has devoted himself to the legal profession throughout more than four decades in private practice and public service; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Spring Valley High School, William E. Sherwood

attended both Syracuse University and New York Law School and has taken numerous courses with the National Judicial Institute; today, he is a frequent lecturer at CLE seminars; and

WHEREAS, William E. Sherwood started in private law practice in 1970, and worked for hundreds of clients for nearly a quarter century; along the way he served as an assistant district attorney, town attorney, and became involved in many community organizations; and

WHEREAS, William E. Sherwood's first elected office was as Town Judge in Stony Point where he still lives today; after six years on the local court bench he was elected to New York State Supreme Court in the Hudson Valley's 9th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, For 14 years, Judge William E. Sherwood served throughout the 5-county district before leaving the bench at the end of 2007; since that time he has served the legal profession as a mediator and arbitrator offering his years of experience and expertise to the resolution of every type of litigation without the expense and risk of court trials; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives, Judge William E. Sherwood serves on the Boards of Directors of numerous organizations including the Rockland County Bar Association, the Rockland County Historical Society and the Rockland Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Judge William E. Sherwood is a vital member of Rotary International and held the position of President of the Spring Valley Rotary; he has also been a participant and officer of the 1,300 member Haverstraw Elks Lodge for over 40 years, and served as Stony Point Town Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Having served in the New York State National Guard and the United States Army Reserves himself, Judge William E. Sherwood is

particularly proud of his membership in the Stony Point Battle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a nationwide organization of men who can trace their ancestry to our country's first soldiers; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Susan, his three children, Alysoun, Jennifer and Scott, as well as seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Judge William E. Sherwood has displayed throughout his life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Judge William E. Sherwood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rockland Community Foundation on March 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judge William E. Sherwood.