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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony and Tara Simeone upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Partners in Mercy

Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and WHEREAS, Anthony and Tara Simeone have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony and Tara Simeone upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Partners in Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, Anthony and Tara Simeone are being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of their outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Simeone began his employment at Ridgewood Savings Bank in July of 2002 as Assistant Vice President and Commercial Lending Officer; in January of 2005, he became the Managing Officer of Commercial Real Estate and was promoted to Vice President in 2006; and WHEREAS, In January of 2009, Anthony Simeone was promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, and subsequently, promoted to his current position of Executive Vice President on January 1, 2013; and WHEREAS, Anthony Simeone has worked in the Banking Industry for over 25 years holding various positions; prior to working at Ridgewood Savings Bank, he worked at institutions such as Richmond County Savings Bank, New York Community Bank, and Astoria Federal Savings Bank; and WHEREAS, Tara Simeone has worked in the Financial Services Industry for over 18 years; she presently owns her own company, TLS Settlement Corp., a full service Residential Real Estate settlement firm; and WHEREAS, Anthony Simeone currently serves as a Director on the board at the Mercy Home for Children; he enjoys playing baseball and coaching soccer and baseball with his children; and WHEREAS, Additionally, Anthony and Tara Simeone volunteer their time with several animal shelters on Long Island - Forgotten Friends of Long Island and the League for Animal Protection of Huntington; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony and Tara Simeone upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Partners in Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony and Tara Simeone.