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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dale Ezyk upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2016 Business Person of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York, and whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of the community serve to enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dale Ezyk upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2016 Business Person of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 31st Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Friday, April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce works to foster a positive business environment in Bethlehem and the surrounding region through partnerships with local, county and state officials and community organizations, and, each year, proudly honors those in the community, such as Dale Ezyk, who help to further these goals; and

WHEREAS, Dale Ezyk, PGA Golf Professional and Manager of Colonial Acres Golf and Learning Center in Glenmont, New York, has been at the helm of the Center for over three years; his vision, time, and effort have helped take the facility from a regular golf course to a true community destination; he strives to teach and provide the sport to a wide variety of golfers, from veterans to at-risk youth to seniors; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the region's youth, Dale Ezyk recently introduced over 80 kids to the game through his Junior Golf Camp; he offered

the course and his time to inner city kids who would otherwise not have been exposed to the sport by partnering with Better than Par and Brighter Choice Charter Schools; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he donated the use of the facility to a Capital Region non-profit, working toward building a school for youth in Africa; and

WHEREAS, Looking to introduce new forms of the sport to the community, Dale Ezyk recently launched Foot Golf and Disc Golf, the number one growing sport in the country; both alternatives have proven to be very popular, and Colonial Acres is the only place in the Capital Region to currently offer them; and

WHEREAS, In addition to golf, Dale has partnered with different organizations to expand the facilities' use and bring in different populations to enjoy varying activities; he has worked with ISC-Audubon to create a Nature Trail within the property for residents to enjoy year round and hosted Fly Fishing demonstrations in conjunction with the Capital District Fly Fishing Club; and

WHEREAS, The Center also invited an Astronomy Club to host stargazing on a summer's night, and collaborated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to bring in bird watchers; and

WHEREAS, With his proven business leadership abilities and his evident dedication to his community, Dale Ezyk is the quintessential selection for the prestigious Business Person of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations honoring Dale Ezyk upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2016 Business Person of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dale Ezyk.