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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Community Service Award by the HealthAlliance Foundation

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, Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Community Service Award by the HealthAlliance Foundation, to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Tulip Ball held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the Lazy Swan Golf & Country Club Village in Saugerties, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year the HealthAlliance Foundation of Kingston, New York proudly honors those individuals who have contributed to the well-being and vitality of their community at its Annual Tulip Ball; and

WHEREAS, Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel are being presented with the Community Service Award in recognition of their work as pillars of the community and for their dedicated involvement in numerous worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Life-long residents of Ulster County, Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel were born and raised in Saugerties, New York and have each displayed a long history of serving their neighbors, both personally and professionally, while playing an active role in the local small business economy; and

WHEREAS, Greg Helsmoortel has ably served the Town of Saugerties as

its elected Supervisor, achieving numerous accomplishments including the expansion of the Empire Development Zone to cover more local businesses and the inclusion of Saugerties as the Greenway Community; he also secured funding for both a Saugerties Skate Park and the Glasco Water Park, and worked closely with Horse Shows In The Sun in order to bring this world class venue to the town; and

WHEREAS, Thomasine Helsmoortel is the owner of Helsmoortel Realty and an active supporter of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce and the Ulster County SPCA; she also serves on the Boards of the HealthAlliance Foundation and the Saugerties Girls Community Club, and is a past member of the Kingston-Saugerties Boys and Girls Club Board; and

WHEREAS, Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel have contributed their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; they have both devoted countless hours to ensuring the success of many activities in Saugerties, including the popular Mum Festival, Garlic Festival, Artists Studio Tour, Christmas in the Village and Jazz Festival, as well as the Saugerties American Legion and events at Saugerties High School; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple were also an integral part of the committee to raise funds for the weekend long celebration commemorating the 25th anniversary of resident Roger Donlon receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Greg and Thomasine are passionate supporters of local sports, and have sponsored numerous Saugerties Athletic Association teams and events, including the organization's largest annual fund raiser, the SAA Golf Tournament and the Saugerties Dutchmen Baseball Team; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their four children, Jessica, Ryan, Chris and Scott, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their parents' lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 honor Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Community Service Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Greg and Thomasine Helsmoortel.