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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gregory Hurd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gregory Hurd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities

to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Hurd grew up in the Capital Region, graduating from the then Linton High School in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, After spending countless hours volunteering for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program early in life, Gregory Hurd began his steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping others; he devoted much of his life to public service through his long and distinguished career working at the New York State Comptroller's office in Albany where he served as Director of Personnel; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with New York State, Gregory Hurd served on the governing board of Arbor Hill Development Corporation for six years while promoting innovative and sustainable community revitalization efforts throughout the Arbor Hill community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served on the on the Albany County Historical Association for eight years, helping to preserve, present and promote the rich history and culture of Albany County; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Gregory Hurd joined the board at the Schoharie ARC; he has served on the Foundation Board and Governing Board at the ARC and is now the President of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his husband, Larry, whom feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements;

and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gregory Hurd 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 honor Gregory Hurd upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregory Hurd.