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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring E. Stewart Jones, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Law 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 E. Stewart Jones, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Law 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, E. Stewart Jones, Jr. inherited the legacy of law from his family, as his grandfather started the firm currently known as Jones Hacker Murphy back in 1888; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Albany Law School, E. Stewart Jones, Jr. began his illustrious career working as a prosecutor at the District Attorney's office; he joined his family's firm full time in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, E. Stewart Jones, Jr. has served on many boards; he currently serves on the Albany Law School Board, the Albany Academy Board, and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, E. Stewart Jones, Jr. has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include Albany Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigator of the Year in 2009, Albany Best Lawyers DWI Defense Lawyer in 2012, and Albany Best Lawyers Criminal Defense in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, from 2007 to 2014, this esteemed man was recognized as one of the top 25 Attorneys in the Hudson Valley, as well as Top 10 Lawyers in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Penny, with him throughout have been his second wife, Kimberly, and his three children, as well as five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which E. Stewart Jones, Jr. 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 E. Stewart Jones, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Law by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to E. Stewart Jones, Jr.