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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Dennis Marcus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Columbia County Community Service Board

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Dennis Marcus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Columbia County Community Service Board at its 16th Annual Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Columbia County Community Service Board recognizes an individual or individuals who have influenced the care and treatment of those who are struggling with mental illness, chemical dependency or developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Marcus was born in New York City and raised in Katonah, New York; he attended John Jay High School where he liked to say he played football, however briefly, played the trombone in the marching band, and sang acappella; and

WHEREAS, He gained admission to Syracuse University and declared dual majors in English Literature and Psychology; two years into his studies, he changed to Pre Med; a gifted student, he graduated from Syracuse University in three years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Marcus attended the University of Louisville School of Medicine; he then completed a two-year pediatric residency at Albany Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, For three consecutive summers, Dr. Dennis Marcus interned and

then became the Program Director for the Appalacian Project in Tennessee; he also organized the notorious Sneedville River Boat Race; and WHEREAS, When his passion became child psychiatry, Dr. Dennis Marcus moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he completed a two-year residency in adult psychiatry at the UNC School of Medicine; and WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis Marcus did a two-year residency in child psychiatry at the Boston Children's Hospital Medical Center/ Judge Baker Guidance Center of Harvard Medical School; and WHEREAS, Following these many years of education, Dr. Dennis Marcus moved to the Berkshires which had always been his family summertime camping destination; he began his working career at Kolburne School in New Marlborough, Massachusetts; and WHEREAS, He was invited to represent the Berkshires as a participating member of the Governor's Commission on Mental Health State Advisory Council and did so for five years; he worked at Main Street Human Resources in Great Barrington, Massachusetts; and WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis Marcus began a private practice, and in 1987 incorporated South County Psychiatric and Psychotherapy Center as the smallest and most personally tended DPH licensed outpatient mental health clinic in Massachusetts; and WHEREAS, By 1998, Dr. Dennis Marcus had recognized and began to fill a need for psychiatric services in New York, first in an outpatient office in Valatie; and WHEREAS, As the years went on, he discovered Columbia Memorial Hospital and was devoted to providing both outpatient and inpatient services; and WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dr. Dennis Marcus' ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, he continuously displays initiative

and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and he serves as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Dennis Marcus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Columbia County Community Service Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Dennis Marcus.