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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard Greenblatt, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rose Rosen Award by the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan counties on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard Greenblatt, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rose Rosen Award by the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan counties, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner and Board Installation on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at The Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating cum laude from Brooklyn Law School in 1978, Richard Greenblatt joined his father's firm, Greenblatt and Axelrod, where he concentrated in criminal defense and medical malpractice cases; as the firm grew, he took over management of the firm and expanded his practice into the fields of divorce and family law; this led to his recognition that in most cases, mediation is a more appropriate method of conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, For the past decade, as senior trial counsel to Rutberg Basso Personal Injury Law, Richard Greenblatt concentrated primarily in personal injury cases, expanding his advocacy skills in research and writing along with mastering trial techniques; in addition to many significant settlements and jury verdicts, he has successfully argued appeals before the intermediate appellate courts and the Court of

Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Although Richard Greenblatt has successfully tried many cases over the past 35 years, he is well aware that the vast majority of cases settle; his vast experience in court has taught him that better solutions are available if the parties, and if they choose, their counsel, are willing to work together to understand what each side needs to bring an end to the dispute; and

WHEREAS, Richard Greenblatt completed basic mediation training in 1997, and collaborative negotiation training in 2001; he was among the first attorneys in New York to establish a collaborative negotiations group, helping litigants resolve disputes without court intervention; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Richard Greenblatt has continued to improve his skills, recently completing an intensive mediation training sponsored by the Center for Understanding in Conflict and the Center for Mediation in Law and a program in Neuroliteracy for Lawyers sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section; and

WHEREAS, Although Richard Greenblatt has trained and practiced in many areas of dispute resolution, he now concentrates his practice on resolution of personal injury matters; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the legal community, Richard Greenblatt held several leadership positions in various organizations including President of the Orange County Bar Association, President of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, and both Secretary and Treasurer of the Dutchess County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard Greenblatt is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA), the Dutchess County Bar Association (DCBA), the Women's Bar Association

of the State of New York (WBASNY), and the Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce and Dispute Resolution Association (HVCDDRA), as well as the International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP); and

WHEREAS, Today, Richard Greenblatt continues to serve his profession and the public as a member of the Grievance Committee for the 9th Judicial District, the panel which oversees the ethical conduct of attorneys in five counties in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Richard Greenblatt also chairs a judicial screening committee which interviews and rates judicial candidates for positions on the Supreme Court and serves on a statewide panel which interviews and rates candidates for the New York Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Richard Greenblatt has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Richard Greenblatt has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Greenblatt, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rose Rosen Award by the Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Greenblatt.