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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Matthew Fusco upon the occasion of his retirement as a Labor Lawyer on June 16, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of those individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Matthew Fusco upon the occasion of his retirement as a Labor Lawyer, to be celebrated at an event on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at the Workers United Union Hall, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Matthew Fusco earned his bachelor's degree with honors, as well as a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and Danforth Graduate Fellowship from Denison University; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Matthew Fusco graduated from the Buffalo Law School with high honors and was the recipient of the Max Koren Award for his scholastic achievement, leadership and dedication to the ideals of the law; and

WHEREAS, From 1986-1988, Matthew Fusco served as the confidential law clerk to The Honorable Michael A. Telesca, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of New York; and

WHEREAS, After entering private practice in 1988, Matthew Fusco represented labor unions and individual employees on a wide variety of matters; his union clients included the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Association of Firefighters, Police Benevolent Association, Amalgamated Transit Union, Rochester Teachers' Association, SEIC 1199, and The Civil Service Employees' Association, as well as the Public Employees' Federation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Matthew Fusco represented individual employees in employment discrimination cases, civil service cases, wage and hour claims, and severance negotiations; he is also the attorney for the Center for Disability Rights and Fight Village Housing Project; and

WHEREAS, An enthusiastic patron of the arts, Matthew Fusco is a member of the Garth Fagan Dance and Rochester Contemporary Art Gallery Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Matthew Fusco participates on the Boards of the Fight Village Housing Project and the New York State Division of Human Rights Region 6 Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession, Matthew Fusco has been listed in BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA since 1997, in Super Lawyers since 2008, and in 2013, he was named Lawyer of the Year in Labor and Employment Law for Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, A singular asset to all of the citizens he has served in the community of the State of New York, Matthew Fusco's life and career are a portrait of preeminence in public service, and present a role model for all who aspire to a career in public service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Matthew Fusco upon the occasion of his retirement as a Labor Lawyer, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Fusco.