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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending David Hochman upon the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Business Incubator Association of New York State

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend David Hochman upon the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Business Incubator Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, David Hochman was a co-founder of the Business Incubator Association of New York State in 2005, a grassroots trade association of incubators and economically-interested public and private entities created with encouragement by NYSTAR, the New York State Senate, and the Sloan Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In the past 11 years David Hochman worked to expand the association from an initial membership of 14 to more than 45 as of 2016, representing more than 75 distinct incubator facilities, virtual programs, and branded activities in all 10 economic regions of the state, a significant achievement; and

WHEREAS, The association provides a platform for sharing knowledge, professional development, and advocacy, and has been a key partner and trusted advisory for both the executive and legislative branches in New York State, as public agencies like Empire State Development and NYSERDA began to offer programs of operating support to incubators managed according to best-practices, and as the legislature created and passed laws and programs for economic development and the expansion of entrepreneurial opportunities for all people in all parts of this state; and

WHEREAS, The association's annual meeting, which rotates around the

state to large and mid-sized metropolitan areas, has become the singular statewide event where practitioners of innovation and entrepreneurship meet to talk about incubation and related activities, along with critical partners from the government, university, and private sectors; and WHEREAS, David Hochman and the association have been key advocates, advisors, and trusted providers of data and concepts for the development of legislation and programs relating to the incubators, hotspots, and other economic development programs in New York State, many of which were enacted in the budget of 2013; and WHEREAS, For the past 11 years, David Hochman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Business Incubator Association of New York State; and WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director, David Hochman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and WHEREAS, In his official acts, David Hochman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Business Incubator Association of New York State, David Hochman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Hochman upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Hochman.