

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John C. Egan upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of an Irish American Heritage Museum's Inaugural Governor Hugh L. Carey Award on April 20, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in their commitment to their heritage and their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend John C. Egan upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of an Irish American Heritage Museum's Governor Hugh L. Carey Award; and

WHEREAS, The Irish American Heritage Museum is dedicated to preserving and telling the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring individuals to examine the importance of their own heritage as part of the American cultural mosaic; and

WHEREAS, John C. Egan, a son of Erin, will be honored at the Irish American Heritage Museum's Inaugural Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards Dinner, to be held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York on Saturday, April 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Irish American Heritage Museum's Governor Hugh L. Carey Award proudly recognizes the achievements of those who exemplify its ideals and help to further its mission; John C. Egan truly merits such recognition; and

WHEREAS, John Egan began his more than 50 year career with New York State at Clinton Prison in his hometown of Dannemora, New York; he dedicated his career to serving the greater community and in doing so he helped shape the local landscape; and

WHEREAS, John Egan has been centrally involved in many projects across the Capital Region, including the construction of the Empire State Plaza and the Harriman Office Building Campus, both iconic features of the Albany skyline; and

WHEREAS, From 1980-1989 John Egan served as Commissioner of the Office of General Services; he was at the forefront of efforts to relate the State's property assets to the surrounding community, promoting free events at the Empire State Plaza such as African American Family Day and GE Kids Day among many other festivals and concerts which have enhanced the area's culture and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, John C. Egan also served as the Executive Director of the New York State Dormitory Authority and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation and had previously served as Chairman of the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation, a partnership involving the University at Albany which sought to create research and office facilities on the Harriman Campus for science and technology innovation; and

WHEREAS, He also served as Executive Director of the New York State Task Force on High Speed Rail and continued to make major contributions to the Capital Region while serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Albany International Airport from 1995-2003, after which he oversaw a complete renovation of the facility and was also instrumental in establishing the airport's relationship with Southwest Airlines; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, John Egan was appointed, for a second time, to the post of Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services; in 2010, he returned to serve as President of the non-profit Renaissance Corporation of Albany, a position he previously held from 2003-2007; and

WHEREAS, The Renaissance Corporation is a philanthropic organization providing financial support to charitable, literary, scientific, religious, and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, In recognition and appreciation of his civic and community work, John C. Egan has earned numerous well-deserved awards and recognitions including an Honorary doctoral degree from the University at Albany at its December 2012 Commencement, the naming of the new lounge in the Cardiovascular Wing at St. Peter's Hospital, "The Egan Family Lounge," the College of St. Rose's Community Excellence Award, Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob's Annual Citizen Award, the University at Albany's Citizen Laureate Award, Wildwood Program Inc.'s Outstanding Volunteer Award, Junior Achievement's Business Hall of Fame Award, Boy Scouts of America's Good Scout Award, Plattsburgh State University's Distinguished Service Award, and Southwest Airlines' Tribute to John Egan; and

WHEREAS, A United States Army veteran, John C. Egan has, in addition, served on several boards, including the Wildwood Program's Advisory Board, the Implementation Team for Tech Valley High School, and Catholic Charities' Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, He is a member and/or trustee, as well, of numerous business groups such as the Center for Economic Growth, the Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John C. Egan upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of an Irish American Heritage Museum's Inaugural Governor Hugh L. Carey Award on April 20, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John C. Egan.