

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert J. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the New York State Health Facility Association/New York Center for Assisted Living

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert J. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to New York State Health Facility Association/New York Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL), celebrated at a party on Tuesday, December 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, For the past 25 years, Robert J. Murphy rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Health Facility Association; and

WHEREAS, As Executive Vice-President of Governmental Affairs, Robert J. Murphy served with loyalty, honor and distinction; in this capacity, he directed the Association in policy areas such as state and federal legislative initiatives, regulatory affairs, legal action activity, reimbursement concerns, and political action, as well as a variety of other administrative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his employment with NYSHFA, Robert J. Murphy worked for the Hospital Association of New York State, and before that, he was employed by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Robert J. Murphy was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Syracuse, New York, Robert J. Murphy is a graduate of Siena College; he earned the prestigious designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), completed a program of the Institute of Organizational Management at the University of Delaware and was also a member of the ASAE Future Leaders Program; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Murphy was honored by the American Health Care Association with its 2006 Joseph Warner Patient Advocacy Award, and again in 2012, with their prestigious Advocacy in Action Award; moreover, he was recognized by NYSHFA/NYSCAL in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Murphy served on the Board of the Empire State Society of Association Executives (ESSAE), a group for which he held the position of Chairman; in 1998, ESSAE presented him with its Vanguard Award in recognition of his exceptional leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in the community, Robert J. Murphy has also served on a variety of charitable organizations including the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Albany County which presented him with an award for his outstanding years of service; and

WHEREAS, An active parishioner at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, New York, Robert J. Murphy has participated in numerous activities and has served on many committees; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Robert J. Murphy has also served on various State Legislative and Executive Work Groups and Task Forces, focusing mainly in the area of long term health care; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, his two step sons, his son, and four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert J. Murphy upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert J. Murphy.