

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Watervliet Public Library on April 12, 2013

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Watervliet Public Library to be celebrated at its Eighth Annual "I Love My Library" Dinner at the Watervliet Elks Club on Friday, April 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. "Ron" Canestrari served the people of the 106th Assembly District as a member of the New York State Assembly for 24 years; he entered office in 1989 and served as the Majority Leader from 2007 until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, While an Assemblyman, Ron Canestrari was Chairman of the Higher Education Committee, and a member of standing committees on Banks, Labor, Local Government, Rules, and Ways and Means; and

WHEREAS, A long-time supporter of the Watervliet Public Library, Ron Canestrari was instrumental in obtaining grants and other financial aid to benefit the Library; and

WHEREAS, Ron Canestrari was raised in Cohoes, New York; in 1965, he received a bachelor of science degree from Fordham University, and then in 1968, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Fordham Law School; and

WHEREAS, From 1968 until 1971, Ron Canestrari served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, He also served the City of Cohoes as its Mayor from 1976 until 1989; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ron Canestrari 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 community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Ronald J. Canestrari upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Watervliet Public Library on April 12, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald J. Canestrari.