LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles Catalano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Westchester-Rockland Society of Pharmacists on May 11, 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Charles Catalano has given not only of his time but also of his energy, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles Catalano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Westchester-Rockland Society of Pharmacists at its Annual Dinner Dance, to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Charles Catalano has been a Consultant Pharmacist for 23 years, working with agencies in New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, for 34 years Charles Catalano co-owned and operated Worlds Fair Pharmacy in Queens, New York, a civic-minded business that serviced the community, hemodialysis centers and group homes for the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his long career, Charles Catalano has been a champion for independent pharmacies and has worked for policies that protect consumer access to community pharmacies and promote high levels of professional practice; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Charles Catalano was honored as the Preceptor of the Year by St. Johns University College of Pharmacy and, in 2005, he received the Bowl of Hygeia Award, one of the pharmacy profession's most prestigious honors, in recognition of his outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Charles Catalano has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, He has served as President of the Italian American Pharmacists Society and the New York City Pharmacists Society, and has been a board member of the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Charles Catalano is part of the New York City Department of Health Emergency Preparation Team, which is devising a plan to mobilize pharmacies in the event of a chemical bio-terrorism event; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charles Catalano has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Charles Catalano has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles Catalano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Westchester-Rockland Society of Pharmacists on May 11, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Catalano.