LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. James Yonai upon the occasion of his retirement as Madison County's Director of Community Mental Health

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. James Yonai upon the occasion of his retirement as Madison County's Director of Community Mental Health, to be celebrated on Friday, January 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, Dr. James Yonai rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as Madison County's Director of Community Mental Health, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Director of Community Mental Health, Dr. James Yonai served with loyalty, honor and distinction; he was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Penn State University with a doctorate in philosophy and advanced study in counseling psychology, Dr. James Yonai completed his psychology internship at Hutchings Psychiatric Center; and WHEREAS, Dr. James Yonai is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, CRC; he began as an Addictive Substance Director with the ADAPT Program on January 13, 1986, and was later appointed Director of Community Mental Health on June 8, 1993; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. James Yonai upon the occasion of his retirement as Madison County's Director of Community Mental Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. James Yonai.