

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mike O'Brien upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Senior Lawyer Award, on May 1, 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, Mike O'Brien has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mike O'Brien upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Senior Lawyer Award, to be celebrated on Wednesday; May 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mike O'Brien 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, An attorney devoted to public service, Mike O'Brien is retired from the NYS Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Legal Services after a distinguished 34 year career; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Mike O'Brien has dedicated himself to providing legal services to veterans through the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York's Veterans Legal Project, offering advice, and if needed, assisting veterans with completing paperwork or providing further representation; and

WHEREAS, Mike O'Brien meets with veterans at the Albany Housing Coalition, an agency providing housing and support services to low income, homeless veterans; he also generously donates his time to the Veterans Administration Medical Center Legal Clinic, seeing veterans at the Stratton Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 2012 alone, Mike O'Brien assisted 45 clients, providing more than 100 hours of pro bono service, whenever needed; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mike O'Brien 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 Mike O'Brien has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mike O'Brien upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Senior Lawyer Award, to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 1, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mike O'Brien.