

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association

WHEREAS, A great State is only as great as those individuals and their organizations who perform exemplary service on behalf of their community, and it is the custom of this great State to pay tribute to that outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association; a 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance was held to celebrate this milestone on Friday, March 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The guardians were organized in 1963 and were incorporated in 1965 as the Westchester Guardians Association, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, they expanded to include law enforcement officers from Rockland County and adopted their current name as the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association; and

WHEREAS, The first president of the newly organized Guardians was the late, retired Lieutenant James A. Barrier of the City of Yonkers Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association were formed to provide a base for minority officers to address their needs and have representation; and

WHEREAS, Each member is expected to be productive in their departments, serve as role models in their communities and work to enhance conditions for all law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association provides scholarships to minority youth, donations to the Ruth Taylor Institute, speakers for schools and community groups, and sponsor outings for youth in group homes; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association is an active and involved component of the community that works for social justice and equality; they continue to provide leadership for the youth of Westchester and Rockland counties; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations such as the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association which serve to bring people together for the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association.