

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lewis E. Springer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lewis E. Springer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Edson Springer II was born on October 30, 1938; he was raised in Auburn, New York, and graduated from East High in 1956; and

WHEREAS, He continued his education and earned his degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University in 1962; upon graduation, Lewis E. Springer began his career at General Electric in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Lewis E. Springer founded Creative Electric, Inc. in his hometown of Auburn, New York; as founder and president, Creative Electric started with two employees and grew to 33; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Lewis E. Springer and his partner, Jack Hayden, Creative Electric, Inc. designed, developed, and manufactured electronic components and sub-systems for the United States defense department; it also made anti-radar tracking used in the AWACS planes and the Patriot Missile System for the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Lewis E. Springer bought the company's competitor Andersen Laboratories of Bloomfield, Connecticut and took the company to another level, adding military products and designing and building commercial products; in 1998, he sold the Company; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Company continues to manufacture many of the same devices designed and developed by Lewis E. Springer, devices sold all over the world; he was considered a genius in his field by his customers as well as his competitors; and

WHEREAS, Creative Electric has been one of the most successful small businesses in Auburn, New York, a business that continues on, even if the name has changed; and

WHEREAS, Since 1964, Lewis E. Springer has hosted an annual Christmas party for family, friends, local business people, community leaders and politicians; what began as a small office party in 1964 has grown to a party of over 400 people; and

WHEREAS, Lewis E. Springer's generosity and kindness has provided this venue to kick off the Christmas season and has become an event that brings so many people together to share in the holiday spirit; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of a community he loves, Lewis E. Springer has given of his time and energies through his involvement on various Boards over the years; he was also a major supporter for the building of the new baseball stadium in the 1990s; today, Falcon Park is home of the Auburn Doubledays Baseball Team, which is currently affiliated with the Washington Nationals, a member of the NY-Penn league; in addition, many sports teams have worn the name of Creative Electric on their shirts; and

WHEREAS, Other boards that have benefited from Lewis E. Springer's time and energies are the Auburn YMCA, Auburn Memorial Hospital Board, Cayuga County Savings Bank, United Way of Cayuga County, and the Merry Go Round Board, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, One of the first boards Lewis E. Springer served on after starting his business was the Auburn School Board of Education; he has been an advocate for excellence in education and continues today by

serving on the Cayuga County Community College Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Lewis E. Springer was honored at a luncheon at the State Capitol where he was recognized by Governor George Pataki as the 1995 New York State Small Business Person of the Year; two years later, he was recognized by Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce as the Business Leader of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With him have been his wife, Mary, his three children, Eric, Douglas, and Bradley, and six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Lewis E. Springer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lewis E. Springer.