

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mark DeCracker upon the occasion of his designation by Parks and Trails New York as the recipient of its Outside the Box Award at a ceremony to be held on June 11, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of this great State and nation is greatly enriched by the purposeful endeavors of individuals and organizations committed to the preservation of our environment, and to the enhancement of appreciation for the distinctive features of our natural surroundings; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Mark DeCracker upon the occasion of his designation by Parks and Trails New York as the recipient of its Outside the Box Award at a ceremony to be held in the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York on June 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Trails New York is a leading statewide advocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985, to improving the health and quality of life of all New Yorkers by working with community organizations and municipalities to envision, create, promote, and protect a growing network of parks, greenways and trails throughout the state for all to use and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, On this occasion Parks and Trails New York will honor a select group of Park and Trail heroes with its Park and Trail Recognition Awards which recognize the leadership, creativity, and donation of time, talent, and materials behind many of New York's parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Mark DeCracker is receiving Parks and Trail's Outside the Box Award in recognition and appreciation of leading the effort to create the Lyons Trail of Hope, a quarter-mile fully accessible trail surrounded by a variety of themed gardens; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon every citizen to recognize that we are all stewards of our environment and to applaud the efforts of individuals such as Mark DeCracker, and organizations like Parks and Trails New York which work tirelessly to protect our environment and natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mark DeCracker upon the occasion of his designation by Parks and Trails New York as the recipient of its Outside the Box Award at a ceremony to be held in Albany on June 11, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark DeCracker.