

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony J. Falco upon the occasion of his retirement and for his many accomplishments on behalf of New York's mentally ill population

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony J. Falco upon the occasion of his retirement and for his many accomplishments on behalf of New York's mentally ill population; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Falco, LCSW, is Director of Planning and Evaluation at Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. (RSS), New York State's largest not-for-profit provider of residential, rehabilitation, and treatment services to persons with serious psychiatric disabilities; and

WHEREAS, As a founding member of RSS in 1979, Anthony J. Falco had extensive experience in program administration, service design, policy, and development; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Falco conducted numerous program and evaluation studies and outcome reporting activities; in 1999, he developed and designed a consumer satisfaction and continuous quality improvement reporting system currently in use in 160 programs within 16 New York State agencies; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Anthony J. Falco assumed responsibility for RSS development, writing more than 30 successful proposals and grants that have been awarded to RSS divisions; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Falco made presentations to numerous statewide and international audiences and delivered many in-service training programs on team building, quality improvement, consumer satisfaction, incident management, service planning, legal and ethical issues of providing psychiatric residential care, management strategies, managed care, single-point-of-access systems, and results-based funding of supported employment; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Anthony J. Falco has been an active committee member and has participated in various task forces for the Association of Community Living and other trade organizations; he was a co-investor in a four-year housing initiative study sponsored by the Center for Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Falco currently serves on The College of St. Rose Social Work Department Advisory Board and is a Board member of St. Rose's Institute for Community Research and Training; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Anthony J. Falco completed The Program in Management Development - Leadership Studies, conducted by the The School of Industrial and Labor Relations of Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Falco received his M.S.W. degree from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, where he received a fellowship from the Ringel Institute of Gerontology; and

WHEREAS, The father of two daughters, Jessica and Theresa, Anthony J. Falco is the spouse of Gloria Falco; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Anthony J. Falco has

stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Anthony J. Falco has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony J. Falco upon the occasion of his retirement and for his many accomplishments on behalf of New York's mentally ill population; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony J. Falco.