LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital upon the occasion of hosting its Leadership Reception and applauding the honorees of the evening

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital upon the occasion of hosting its Leadership Reception and to applaud the honorees of the evening, on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at the Roundhouse at Beacon Falls in Beacon, New York; and

WHEREAS, On this most auspicious occasion, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital will proudly pay tribute to the following individuals in honor of their remarkable professional and personal service to their community: Douglas J. Hovey, Chairman, Hospital, Board of Trustees; James F. Letterio, Jr., Foundation, Board of Directors; Robert Marino, Jr., Hospital, Board of Trustees; Mark T. Starkman, Esq., Foundation, Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital dedicated to serving the health care needs of those in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, In January 2002, St. Luke's Hospital and The Cornwall Hospital merged to create an integrated health care delivery system, providing quality comprehensive health care services; and

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital was the first hospital in the region to earn New York State Stroke Center designation, and has one of the newest Emergency Departments in the region; and

WHEREAS, A recent renovation and expansion of the Kaplan Family Center for Emergency Medicine at the Newburgh campus, and the Littman Center for Emergency Medicine at the Cornwall campus, has resulted in state-of-the-art facilities designed for patient comfort and convenience; and

WHEREAS, General trauma bays and specialty treatment bays for cardiac, asthma, women's health and pediatrics enable St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital's highly skilled ER team to provide comprehensive, quality care in a patient-centered environment; and

WHEREAS, Each year this illustrious organization cares for more than 270,000 patients from around the Hudson Valley; with 1,500 employees, the hospital is one of the largest employers in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, With its skilled and dedicated staff, modern facilities, and state-of-the-art treatment, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital is committed to meeting the needs of the community and continuing to aspire to excellence; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital upon the occasion of hosting its Leadership Reception and to applaud the honorees of the evening; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital and the aforementioned honorees.