LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dane Clark upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those citizens who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal courage and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dane Clark upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled; and

WHEREAS, The annual Joslin Awards Program of the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) respectfully acknowledges individuals in New York communities who strengthen the Preferred Source Program through jobs well done; and

WHEREAS, Dane Clark, an individual who is on the spectrum of autism, has overcome communication and social difficulties, depression, and countless personal barriers throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Through training, hard work and the unwavering support of his family, Dane Clark received his driver's license; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with the help of Northeast Career Planning, Dane Clark was referred to Focused Technologies where he began as a part-time Data Entry Operator in January of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since this time, Dane Clark continues to challenge himself, and set new goals on a regular basis; he uses his assets and intelligence to adapt to new tasks requested by his supervisor, and since his first day on the job, he has increased his hours to full-time and is one of the hardest working employees at the 279 Broadway location; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, Dane Clark's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, A model employee for his attendance, punctuality and skill, Dane Clark has been named Star of the Week and has also been interviewed on video for Autism Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Dane Clark loves his job and takes great pride in his abilities; his persistence and determination is a true inspiration, and has earned him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such enduring courage and accomplishment are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dane Clark upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dane Clark.