

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Edward A. Diana upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Orange Foundation

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, Edward A. Diana has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Edward A. Diana upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Orange Foundation; he will be celebrated at the foundation's 8th Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony, featuring The Spirit of Entrepreneurship, on Thursday, April 10, 2014, on the SUNY Orange Newburgh, New York, campus; and

WHEREAS, Retired Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana has dedicated his worthy life to enhancing the quality of life for others, whether as a public servant, an educator, a business owner, or as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Diana assumed the mantle of leadership at multiple levels of government in a public service career that spanned decades; he was first elected County Executive in 2001 and served with distinction for three terms; prior to his service as County Executive, this committed man served 12 years as a county legislator, and he also served as councilman as well as deputy supervisor in the Town of Wallkill in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, In his role as County Executive, Edward A. Diana served with integrity and conviction; among his many accomplishments he: was responsible for the opening of a state-of-the-art \$40 million Emergency Services Complex in Goshen, New York; made significant investments to promote business and economic growth; established the Orange County Business Accelerator; and encouraged the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to assume operations at Stewart Airport; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Diana worked as an educator, physical education instructor, and coach in the Minisink Valley School District for more than 30 years; at the same time, he owned and operated the popular downtown Middletown restaurant "Diana's" established by his grandparents and parents in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Over the years Edward A. Diana has been a member and supporter of numerous civic organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Citizens Foundation, the boards of the Sons of Italy, the Middletown Elks, UNICO, and the Goshen Historic Track; he is a former member of the Middletown Kiwanis, past president of the Middletown High School Booster Club, and a former member of both the Horton Hospital and the Arden Hill Hospital Foundation boards; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Edward A. Diana has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Edward A. Diana upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by SUNY Orange Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward A. Diana.