

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard Garrison upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment of their communities and of the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Richard Garrison upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery celebrated at its Annual Winter Gala on November 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed Artist of the Year Award, re-established in 2012, is presented in memory of Mona Ruth Brickman, a beloved supporter of the arts and the Albany Center Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Richard Garrison received his Bachelor of Science degree in Studio Art from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, and a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard Garrison is a lifelong accomplished artist who is known for being a strong supporter of the arts and his community; and

WHEREAS, This talented artist's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, and his work has been shown at numerous venues, including: University at Albany Art Museum, Albany, New York; Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, Illinois; Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, Massachusetts; VOLTA10, a renowned art fair for new and emerging art, which debuted in Basel, Switzerland; and the Queens Museum of Art, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard Garrison, whose art work is represented by Robert Henry Contemporary in Brooklyn, New York, currently maintains a studio in Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals who add strength, vigor and inspiration to the cultural diversity and quality of life in the communities of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard Garrison upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award by the Albany Center Gallery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Garrison.