

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles and Helen Crisafulli upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Hope For Tomorrow Award by St. Catherine's Center for Children on April 7, 2016

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, Charles and Helen Crisafulli have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charles and Helen Crisafulli upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Hope For Tomorrow Award by St. Catherine's Center for Children celebrated at its Gala on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the University Club of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Helen Crisafulli are receiving this auspicious award for their sustained and significant contributions to the St. Catherine's Center for Children for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Crisafulli held the title of President of the local family-operated business, Crisafulli Bros., which was established by his father, Carmello, in 1939; for 75 years, this vital business has provided plumbing, heating and air conditioning design, installation, service and scheduled maintenance to its residential and commercial clientele; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Helen Crisafulli have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Married for almost 64 years, Charles and Helen Crisafulli are true philanthropists, having made numerous charitable contributions throughout the Capital Region, including St. Catherine's Center for Children; and

WHEREAS, Through Charles Crisafulli's generosity, St. Catherine's Center for Children initiated the Mrs. Doubtfire Night-Time Reading Program; recently, this remarkable couple made a substantial monetary contribution that will have a significant impact on future efforts to expand programs in fulfillment of the Center's mission of providing a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families it serves; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charles and Helen Crisafulli have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Charles and Helen Crisafulli have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Charles and Helen Crisafulli upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Hope For Tomorrow Award by St. Catherine's Center for Children on April 7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles and Helen Crisafulli.