

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yono and Donna Purnomo upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Yono and Donna Purnomo upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Yono and Donna Purnomo have been well-known in the greater Albany area since they met on a cruise ship in the mid-1970s; Donna is from Amsterdam, New York, and Yono grew up in Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, After the couple married in 1978, they settled in Albany, working in the restaurant industry; for several years Yono worked at the Albany restaurant, Twenty-One, and during this time, the owner offered the Purnomo's a chance to take over the restaurant; they enthusiastically accepted; and

WHEREAS, Yono and Donna Purnomo worked hard building the business for several years before tragedy struck in 1985, and the restaurant burned down; this was a turning point for the Purnomo's, inspiring them to open up their own original restaurant, Yono's, serving a unique blend of continental and Indonesian dishes; and

WHEREAS, With Yono and Donna Purnomo's hard work and steadfast dedication, Yono's quickly became a success, thriving as a prestigious restaurant where locals could wine and dine; the couple moved the restaurant to its current location on Chapel Street, during which time their son opened up, dp An American Brasserie within Yono's; and

WHEREAS, Yono and Donna Purnomo continue to work daily at Yono's, which remains a huge success and a true landmark of the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Yono and Donna Purnomo are the founding Chairs of the Albany Wine Fest, a charitable event which has raised substantial funds to benefit the non-profit arts community, donating the proceeds to

organizations such as The Palace Theater, Capital Repertory Theatre, and Park Playhouse, among others; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their two children and their grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Yono and Donna Purnomo 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 Yono and Donna Purnomo upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Yono and Donna Purnomo.