

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas J. Horan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 8, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who gave of their time and energies and served the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Horan gave 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 honor Thomas J. Horan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy, to be celebrated at its Annual Signature Fundraising Gala, "A Taste of Mercy," on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Shaker Ridge Country Club, Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The theme for this year's event is "Continuing the Mercy Tradition"; and

WHEREAS, Circles of Mercy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community by working to end the cycle of poverty, especially among women and women with children; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization honors the dignity of each person by offering hospitality and providing services, compassion, stewardship, leadership and collaboration, which is performed in an effort to instill hope and empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Horan was born in Albany, New York, to the late Elizabeth and Daniel Horan; after graduating from Vincentian Institute in 1965, he attended the Albany College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, For 37 years, Thomas J. Horan held the position of Identification Specialist II for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Horan graciously contributed his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and always gave of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Schodack, New York, for the last 35 years, Thomas J. Horan was a Lifetime member of the Rensselaer Elks B.P.O.E. No. 2073 and a devoted volunteer of CoNSERNS-U and Circles of Mercy, both in Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Horan served as a communicant of the Church of the Holy Spirit in East Greenbush, New York, where he also volunteered in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Thomas J. Horan stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or helping someone, Thomas J. Horan enjoyed playing cards, shooting darts with his friends at the Elks, and hitting the links, especially at the Sleasman Family "Junie" Open; and

WHEREAS, After a courageous battle with cancer, Thomas J. Horan died on Thursday, December 24, 2015, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Horan is survived by his wife of 41 years, the former Rosemary Sleasman; his son, Jason (Courtney); one grandson, Lucas Robert; one brother, Patrick (Joan); and as two sisters, Kathleen and Mary Ellen; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Thomas J. Horan displayed throughout

his life; 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 Thomas J. Horan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Thomas J. Horan.