

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING BRiDGES upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend BRiDGES upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary feted at an event on Thursday, March 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, BRiDGES, Building Relationships - Investing in Diversity - Genuinely Empowering Self, provides extensive services based upon a philosophy of independent living that respects each person's right to make autonomous decisions regarding every aspect of life; and

WHEREAS, Founded to give a voice to people with disabilities living in Rockland County, BRiDGES has served the interests of the people of the Empire State for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Today, BRiDGES partners with more than 30 Rockland County agencies and organizations to ensure that every person with a disability receives quality services which help Rockland County be a fully accessible, integrated community, promoting health and autonomy for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of BRiDGES is in direct correlation to the efforts of its management and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, BRiDGES has strived to fulfill the changing needs of its community, and remains steadfast in its commitment to serving people of all abilities for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend BRiDGES upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary; and be it further

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