

BY: Senator VALESKY

HONORING Frank Lazarski upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service as President of the United Way of Central New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frank Lazarski upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service as President of the United Way of Central New York; he will officially retire from this esteemed position in August of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lazarski joined the United Way of Central New York (UWCNY) as President in 2003, continuing a distinguished career dedicated to public service; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lazarski's dedication to the United Way and the entire region over his illustrious career has been exemplary; he has been a true leader within the not-for-profit community for many years and he will be greatly missed by the Board, staff and the many people of Central New York who have benefitted from his tireless efforts; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the UWCNY raised significant funds for area not-for-profits, helping to advance the United Way's mission of improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frank Lazarski lead UWCNY's collaboration with numerous partners on community-wide initiatives such as Success by 6 and Early Childhood Alliance, Work Train, 211 CNY, Gifts in Kind, VolunteerCNY.org and the Onondaga County CASH Coalition, Literacy Coalition of Onondaga County, ALICE and Greater Syracuse HOPE; and

WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Frank Lazarski has also served as a part-time instructor at Syracuse University, teaching in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the United Way, Frank Lazarski held executive positions with Syracuse 20/20 and CNY Works, Inc., and served the City of Syracuse as Parks Commissioner and Director of Administration; he also worked for many years for the Syracuse Catholic Diocese and Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President, Frank Lazarski served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Frank Lazarski over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Frank Lazarski upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service as President of the United Way of Central New York; and be it further

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