

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING John Dollard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those citizens who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal courage and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Dollard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Joslin Awards Program of the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) respectfully acknowledges individuals in New York communities who strengthen the Preferred Source Program through jobs well done; and

WHEREAS, This past year, nearly 7,000 total workers in 48 counties realized the independence which comes from earning a paycheck; and

WHEREAS, John Dollard attended schools for the hearing impaired until he was 21 years old; he eventually returned to his hometown to live with his family; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return, John Dollard, affectionately known as the Boss Man, liked to go on jobs with his father who was an electrician; John also volunteered for the local fire department; and

WHEREAS, Through vocational training at the Sullivan Industries work center, John Dollard learned various jobs to help prepare him for working in the community; he mastered skills such as skid packing, L-bar operation and various positions on a rotary sealing machine; and

WHEREAS, Currently, John Dollard is a dedicated employee of SullivanArc's Employment Services, working on a mobile crew with five other people; in this capacity, he performs various cleaning tasks at a local car dealership, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Division of Homeland Security; John truly loves earning his own paycheck; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, John Dollard's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, John Dollard lives in his own cottage on his mother's property, proudly maintaining his home by himself; he enjoys riding his

four-wheeler, and likes to help out by mowing the lawn in the summer and snow blowing the driveway in the winter; and

WHEREAS, John Dollard also loves to go fishing and go on road trips with his mother to visit his beloved sister; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such enduring courage and accomplishment are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Dollard upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc., and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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