

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING Leadership Orange upon the occasion of hosting its 5th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Event & After Party, and paying tribute to this year's inductees

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 that are devoted 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 Leadership Orange upon the occasion of hosting its 5th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Event & After Party, and paying tribute to this year's inductees on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Orange is an annual 10-month leadership training program where individuals from Orange County are selected to receive training on topics important to Orange County residents and businesses; the program enables participants to better understand the many challenges facing Orange County and to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Orange is a private, non-partisan organization which relies on support from the business community to reach its goals; over 330 individuals have graduated from the Leadership Orange program since its inception in 1993; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious event, the honorees will be inducted into the Leadership Orange Hall of Fame for making significant, tangible leadership contributions to Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Robert R. Marchione, a member of the Class of 1997, is a Partner and Certified Public Accountant at RBT CPAs, LLP; he joined the firm in 1981, and became Partner in January of 1987; today, he is in charge of the Construction Industry Practice of the firm where he concentrates his efforts on working closely with his clients providing technical expertise and problem solving assistance relating to corporate accounting, tax planning, budgeting, forecasting and succession planning; and

WHEREAS, Robert R. Marchione is involved in numerous professional organizations including the New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), RSM MCREN, the Construction Contractors Association, the North East Sub-Contractors Association (NESCA), and the Builders Association of the Hudson Valley (BAHV), as well as the Construction Industry Council; and

WHEREAS, Michelle F. Rider, a member of the Class of 2006, is a

Senior Partner in the law firm, Catania, Mahon, Milligram & Rider, PLLC, with offices in Newburgh and Fishkill; also a CPA, she heads the firm's transactional/corporate practice and focuses her own practice on commercial transactions, contracts, corporate governance and business succession planning; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated leader in her community, Michelle F. Rider just completed her term as the first female Chair of the St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital Board of Trustees where she helped navigate the hospital's affiliation negotiations with The Montefiore Health System; she also chairs the hospital's Strategic Planning Committee, and helped found Girls on the Run Hudson Valley, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Rowley, a member of the Class of 2008, is both the President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County; in this role, she works with the Board of Directors, professional advisors and volunteers to plan, structure, implement and monitor an effective development program which will increase endowed and non-endowed assets, develop and maintain good relationships with nonprofit organizations, and steward current and prospective donors; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Rowley has a strong background in development and marketing having worked at Inspire - Orange County Cerebral Palsy Association and the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club prior to joining the staff at the Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Alanna M. Smith, a member of the Class of 2000, is a retired Business and Industry Coordinator for Orange-Ulster BOCES; throughout her 30-year career, she administered state and federally funded employment and training and economic development training initiatives on the local, regional and state level; and

WHEREAS, Alanna M. Smith also served as a consultant/trainer for the New York State Education Department, the former Governor's School and Business Alliance (SABA), the New York State Council of Children and Families, and the New York State Occupational Equity Center and others; in addition, she wrote and coordinated workforce preparation grants and school and business partnerships for the Orange-Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Education Center and component school districts; and

WHEREAS, Jonnie Wesley-Krueger, a member of the Class of 1999, is an Engagement Officer at the Bon Secours Charity Health System; her long career as a health and human services professional began in Orange County, California, in the mid-1980s at a new rape crisis center; and

WHEREAS, After she returned to Orange County, Jonnie Wesley-Krueger was hired as the Director of Hotline Services at the Mental Health Association; in this capacity, she oversaw the Rape Crisis program, provided prevention and training services to various audiences, and became a familiar advocate with local police as well as the Orange County District Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to organizations and individuals who serve to bring people together for

the united purpose of actively pursuing improvements in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Leadership Orange upon the occasion of hosting its 5th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Event & After Party, and paying tribute to this year's inductees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees and Leadership Orange.