

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Gary Butchen, President and CEO of Bridge Back to Life Center, Inc., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals within the State of New York who have shown a dedicated commitment to improving the health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gary Butchen, President and CEO of Bridge Back to Life Center, Inc., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., to be celebrated at the 35th Annual Adele C. Smithers Angel Ball at the Oheka Castle in Huntington, New York, on Monday, June 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1956 by R. Brinkley Smithers, the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (LICADD) is the leading nonprofit organization on Long Island dedicated to addressing the challenges of alcoholism and drug addiction, and promoting addiction recovery; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the LICADD addresses the addictive climate of our times by providing initial attention and referral services to individuals, families, and children, through intervention, education and professional guidance to overcome the ravages of alcohol and other drug-related problems; and

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

WHEREAS, Gary Butchen has given 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, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gary Butchen has 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 Gary Butchen, President and CEO of Bridge Back to Life Center, Inc., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.; and be it further

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