

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING Charlie Arrowood, Esq. upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2021 Community Excellence Award, the highest honor bestowed by the LGBT Bar Association of New York

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Arrowood has given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charlie Arrowood, Esq. upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2021 Community Excellence Award, to be celebrated virtually at the LGBT Bar Association Foundation of Greater New York's Annual Gala on Thursday, February 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Charlie Arrowood who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Arrowood is Name Change Project counsel at the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund and Principal Attorney at Arrowood Law; and

WHEREAS, Despite wearing numerous hats, Charlie Arrowood is generous with their time in helping attorneys across the state become better advocates to the transgender and gender nonconforming communities; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Arrowood has helped ensure countless families, both in and outside of the New York City metro area, are able to obtain accurate and affirming documentation with dignity and greater ease; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Charlie Arrowood has displayed throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Charlie Arrowood, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; 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 Charlie Arrowood, Esq. upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2021 Community Excellence Award, the highest honor bestowed by the LGBT Bar Association of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlie Arrowood, Esq.