

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Michael H. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Education Champion Award by Clinton Community College on May 13, 2021

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael H. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Education Champion Award by Clinton Community College, to be recognized at its Inaugural Education Champion Celebration on Thursday, May 13, 2021, the evening before its commencement ceremonies, in the newly renovated Learning Commons Atrium of the Moore Building, Plattsburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Located on the beautiful shores of Lake Champlain, Clinton Community College is a member of the State University of New York (SUNY) system and provides educational opportunities that enrich minds, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael H. Carpenter is the President of MHAB and President/CEO of The Northeast Group, a 40-year-old family business community of caretakers, pathfinders, and changemakers who foster hope and open doors for those in recovery; and

WHEREAS, In addition to helping those in recovery from substance use disorders, this vital organization helps anyone it can, including people in recovery from mental, emotional or behavioral disorders, domestic violence, homelessness and poverty; and

WHEREAS, A true community leader and an extraordinary business owner who has been in recovery himself for more than 30 years, Michael H. Carpenter knew he had a responsibility to help others; when the opportunity to build a Life Skills Campus arose, he was inspired by his own life experience to create MHAB; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Michael H. Carpenter, MHAB assists those in recovery with the transition from treatment or halfway house back to "normal" life, closing the gap between leaving treatment and getting into recovery, and steadfastly fighting the social stigma surrounding recovery; and

WHEREAS, The success of MHAB is in direct correlation to the efforts of Michael H. Carpenter, as well as his dedicated staff and partner organizations, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an

uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michael H. Carpenter has displayed throughout his 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 Michael H. Carpenter, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael H. Carpenter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Education Champion Award by Clinton Community College, 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 Michael H. Carpenter.