LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephen Holden III upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen Extraordinaire by the White Plains Historical Society on May 7, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephen Holden III upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen Extraordinaire by the White Plains Historical Society at a reception to be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Stephen Holden III has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in White Plains, New York, Stephen Holden III is the son of Cesidia and Stephen Holden, Jr.; he was raised in the Westminster Ridge section of town and attended George Washington Elementary School, Eastview Junior High, and White Plains High School; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Holden III graduated from Hamilton College in upstate New York, where he majored in History and played football, hockey and captained the lacrosse team; he remained upstate and earned his law degree from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Following law school, Stephen Holden III returned to White Plains to practice law with his father and uncle at Holden Brothers, P.C., where he continues to work today; a very successful attorney, he has also been active professionally with the American Bar Association, as well as the New York State and Westchester County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Stephen Holden III has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Holden III is actively involved with the Salvation Army, being a past member of the New York State Advisory Board and Chairman of both the Westchester County and White Plain Boards; additionally, he is a member of the Board of the Thomas H. Slater Center; he is also the past president of the White Plains Rotary Club and previously active with the Leukemia Society and Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Stephen Holden III has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Susan, their three children, as well as their two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Stephen Holden III 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stephen Holden III upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen

Extraordinaire by the White Plains Historical Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen Holden III.