

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Theodore "Ted" Radice upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Personal Achievement Award on May 18, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 organizations, businesses, and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Theodore "Ted" Radice upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Personal Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Ulster-Greene ARC was founded in 1956 by families who insisted that their children with disabilities have the same opportunities for schooling, vocational training and housing as anyone else has; and

WHEREAS, These early pioneers established the first community-based services for people with disabilities in Ulster and Greene Counties; today, Ulster-Greene ARC is a not-for-profit agency which serves nearly 2000 people throughout the mid-Hudson and Catskill Mountains region who have developmental delays or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Each year Ulster-Greene ARC proudly honors outstanding members of the Ulster-Greene ARC community and other members of the community who give unselfishly of themselves to help make the lives of others fulfilling, recognizing them for their dedication to the community and their commitment to Ulster-Greene ARC's mission of offering people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities opportunities to live and experience full lives; and

WHEREAS, Theodore "Ted" Radice will be honored by Ulster-Greene ARC with the 2012 Personal Achievement Award at its 31st Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, New York in recognition of his accomplishments with Theo's Bottle & Can Return; and

WHEREAS, Theo's Bottle & Can Return fulfills Ted Radice's dream of self-employment; aluminum, plastics, glass, new entrepreneur Theodore Radice takes it all; and

WHEREAS, For showing the world that he has taken the risk of starting a new business -- and for making the world a cleaner place -- Ted is justly taking the spotlight at Ulster-Greene ARC's Humanitarian Awards Dinner as the recipient of its 2012 Personal Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Radice always had a dream, but it took Ulster-Greene ARC to make it happen; now, he says he wakes up every day knowing that he has a chance to make it; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Radice considers Theo's Bottle & Can Return to be his chance of a lifetime; he used to think about owning his own business when he was working at his previous job; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to Ulster-Greene ARC, Theodore Radice had worked with a related agency at several businesses, but he always found the arrangements unsatisfying; after transferring to Ulster-Greene ARC for supported employment services, he began by interning with the UGARC Maintenance Department; he then secured employment at a local automotive shop and, later, at the County Can & Bottle recycling company where he felt he had finally found his niche and was crushed when the company closed; and

WHEREAS, His UGARC Job Developer, Tom Beesimer, knew how much he loved recycling work and set out to create an opportunity for him; the result

is Theo's Bottle & Can Return, housed at UGARC's Pecora Center; Ted's

business is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm; individuals, families, and businesses are encouraged to try his services, in part, because his collecting is his way of "giving back"; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Theodore "Ted" Radice for his outstanding accomplishment and to wish him continued success; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such accomplishment 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 commend Theodore "Ted" Radice upon the occasion of his designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2012 Personal Achievement Award on May 18, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theodore "Ted" Radice.