

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William and Matilda Davenport upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

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, William and Matilda Davenport have given not only Of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William and Matilda Davenport upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, to be celebrated at its Annual Garden Party on Sunday, September 30, 2012, at Mount Community in Esopus, New York; and

WHEREAS, William and Matilda Davenport have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, William Davenport, a lifelong resident of Stone Ridge, joined the family home heating business in 1959, and later became president and CEO of Walter Davenport and Sons, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, He is co-owner and board chair of Heritagenergy, a petroleum business based in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserve, William Davenport is a graduate of Colgate University and the Owner-Manager Program at Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, William Davenport has served as vice-chairman of the Stewart Airport Commission and is a member of the Benton Bard Cemetery board of trustees; he has also served on the boards of the City of Kingston Laboratory, Friends of the Hudson Valley, and Benedictine Hospital and currently chairs the hospital's Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Matilda Davenport was born in Kingston, New York; she is a 1961 graduate of Dumbarton College of Holy Cross in Washington, D.C. and did graduate work at George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, She has also taken classes at Ulster Community College, SUNY New Paltz, the University of Virginia and Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Matilda Davenport has taught in the Washington, D.C. public school system as well as schools in Kingston and Port Ewen; she also served as human resource program coordinator at Ulster Community College's Development Center for Business; and

WHEREAS, Matilda Davenport has served on the boards of the Community Rehabilitation Center Foundation, the Senate House, Benedictine Hospital, Stone Ridge Library and the Junior League of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, She was president of the Stone Ridge Library board, the Junior League and the Ulster Garden Club and served on the Marbletown Historic Preservation Commission from 2004 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, William and Matilda Davenport were married in 1963, and they have raised three sons; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, William and Matilda Davenport have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which William and Matilda Davenport have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 William and Matilda Davenport upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William and Matilda Davenport.