

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender of the Bender Family Foundation upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 C. Jordan Vail Spirit of Philanthropy Award

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, Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender 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 Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender of the Bender Family Foundation upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 C. Jordan Vail Spirit of Philanthropy Award by the Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region, to be observed at its Celebration of Philanthropy Luncheon on Friday, May 18, 2012, at Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender 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, A 1949 graduate of Albany Academy, Matthew Bender IV went on to attend Princeton University, graduating cum laude in 1953; and

WHEREAS, A devoted community leader and executive volunteer, Matthew Bender IV has been active in numerous committees throughout the Capital Region including the Albany Urban Cultural Park Advisory Committee, the United Way Budget Panel, the New York State Museum Institute, and the New York Council for the Humanities, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Matthew Bender IV serves on the boards of the Bender Family Foundation; the New York State Commission on the Restoration of the Capitol; Albany Medical Center; the Aloha Foundation; the Community Foundation for the Capital Region; the Historic Albany Foundation; and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, A 1956 graduate of Tufts University, Phoebe Bender earned her Bachelor of Science degree before going on to attend graduate school at Boston University; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Phoebe Bender has served as a Trustee of the Shaker Museum and Library and in key roles with such organizations as the Federation of Historical Services, the Community Foundation for the Capital Region, and the Literacy Volunteers of America; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Phoebe Bender serves her community through her involvement with the New Netherland Institute, and the Shaker Heritage Society; and

WHEREAS, Both Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender have been the recipients of numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender are the loving parents of three grown children and have eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender 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 Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender of the Bender Family Foundation upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 C. Jordan Vail Spirit of Philanthropy Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Matthew Bender IV and Phoebe Bender.