LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom and Mary Ragosta upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Albany County Executive's Volunteer Award, on April 23, 2013

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, Tom and Mary Ragosta 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 Tom and Mary Ragosta upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Albany County Executive's Volunteer Award; this esteemed honor was presented at a special ceremony by Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at the Albany County Office Building; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Mary Ragosta 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, Lifelong residents of Watervliet, New York, this enterprising couple captured their love for the city by creating the Watervliet Historical Society Museum; and

WHEREAS, Since the Museum was established in 2008, Tom and Mary Ragosta have devoted their time and shared their vast knowledge of Watervliet's storied history with the public; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tom and Mary Ragosta have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by such individuals for the benefit of others which Tom and Mary Ragosta 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 attention, 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 Tom and Mary Ragosta upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2013 Albany County Executive's Volunteer Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom and Mary Ragosta.