

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Christopher Pappis upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 AHEPAN of the Year on June 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christopher Pappis upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 AHEPAN of the Year by the AHEPA Chapter No. 140, to be celebrated with a Dinner on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher George Pappis was born on July 24, 1985, to Daughters of Penelope Past District Governor Karen Takes Pappis and Chapter No. 140 four term Past President and 2010 AHEPAN of the Year George L. Pappis; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, his grandfather, Arthur P. Takes was a Past President of the chapter and a past AHEPAN of the Year (1983), and his great-grandfather Nicholas J. Marin was also AHEPAN of the Year (1972), making Christopher Pappis a fourth-generation AHEPAN of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Pappis has been a member of Albany Chapter No. 140 of AHEPA since 2009, prior to which he was a member of the Sons of Pericles Phocion Chapter No. 44, in Albany, New York; he received the Chapter 140 Outstanding New AHEPAN Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has served as Chapter Secretary of the Albany Chapter of the Order of AHEPA for the past two years, and was unanimously elected as AHEPA District No. 6 Secretary at the June 2015 District Convention in Albany, New York, diligently serving both positions concurrently; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the organization, Christopher Pappis has been a key member of the Chapter program committee handling donations of gifts to the Bernard and Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center during the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has co-chaired numerous events and activities such as the AHEPA Children's Christmas Party, the Greek Independence Day Program, OXI Day Celebration, and assisted in the Veterans Program; and

WHEREAS, As District Secretary, Christopher Pappis has made numerous chapter visitations, coordinated all documents and paperwork regarding district dues and obligations to National Headquarters, acted as liaison to many activities with the Sons of Pericles, and is in constant communication with the District Governor and Lodge Officers to assure smooth operation of AHEPA District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Pappis was raised in Albany, New York, attending St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, where he continues to serve as an altar boy and St. Sophia Webmaster; he has also participated in numerous other activities and events such as the Annual Greek Festival, reviewing the weekly bulletin for publication, and Adult Religious Education; and

WHEREAS, After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics Adolescence Education from the College of Saint Rose, Christopher Pappis went on to attain a Master of Science degree in Education with a concentration in Educational Technology, achieving a GPA of 4.0; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Pappis also holds a New York State Initial Certification as an Educational Technology Specialist, a New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics Education 7-12, and a New York State Initial Certification in Mathematics 5-6 Extension; and

WHEREAS, While in college, Christopher Pappis was instrumental in the

development of the smoking policy for the College of Saint Rose and accepted an award on the college's behalf from the American Cancer Society; he was awarded the Student Association Representative of the Year in 2007, the 2006 and 2007 National Collegiate Student Government Award at the College of Saint Rose, as well as the Community Service Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, Christopher Pappis volunteers his skills as a webmaster for numerous websites, including: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, St. Sophia Greek School, Hudson Mohawk Valley Area Mathematics Conference, Who Do You Like Stables Thoroughbred horseracing site, and Regulatory Intelligence Associates in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Pappis has also volunteered for Relay for Life in memory of his grandmother who died from breast cancer; he is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher Pappis upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 AHEPAN of the Year on June 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Pappis.