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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chef Bill Telepan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York

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 Chef Bill Telepan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York, to be celebrated at its Awards Gala on Tuesday, December 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Action of New York works as part of U.S. Action to build better futures for families and communities throughout the State and nation; for 29 years, Citizen Action of New York has spearheaded successful efforts to guarantee quality and affordable health care to all, successful quality education and early learning programs and the promotion of racial justice; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Action is honoring Bill Telepan for his incredible activism, along with raising awareness about the threat hydraulic fracturing poses to crops, food, drinking water and the land; Citizen Action has been at the forefront of the fight to ban hydrofracking in New York; and

WHEREAS, Bill Telepan works with Chefs for the Marcellus, which is a group of chefs, restaurateurs, farmers, brewers, vintners, and other food professionals who have come together to protect the regional foodshed from the dangers of hydraulic fracturing; he also leads wellness in the schools, working to inspire healthy eating and fitness in public schools; 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

the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Chef Bill Telepan and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Chef Bill Telepan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Progressive Leadership Award by the Citizen Action of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chef Bill Telepan.