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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eric Weaver upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association of Genesee County

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, Eric Weaver has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eric Weaver upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association of Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, The Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence is given annually to an individual or an organization that demonstrates a commitment to excellence pertinent to the delivery and/or advocacy of quality community-based mental health services within Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver has dedicated his life to helping those struggling with depression, suicidal impulses and other mental health concerns by sharing both his vast professional knowledge and his own individual struggles; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver's long and varied career in the field of mental health is extraordinary; he is a retired Sergeant of the Rochester Police Department, former Director of the Association for Suicide Prevention, and former Executive and Counseling Pastor of Crosswinds Wesleyan Church in Canandaigua, New York; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver holds a certificate in Biblical Counseling from the American Association of Christian Counselors; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Eric Weaver is the founder and director of Overcoming the Darkness, a training and consulting business providing keynote addresses and training seminars on a broad range of mental health topics; he is also a certified instructor in several highly regarded suicide prevention and intervention curricula; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver's crucial work has been of lasting benefit to mental health professionals, individuals, families and communities throughout the State of New York; he was the creator, developer, and Commanding Officer of the Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Team (EDPRT) of the Rochester Police Department, and he assisted in the creation of similar teams in the police departments of Troy, New York and Binghamton, New York; he was also coordinator of the EDPRT Basic/Advanced School, one of the largest police mental health-training courses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Eric Weaver served as both Area Director and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Western New York Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Suicide Intervention Skills Trainer Consortium of New York and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Rochester, NY Advisory Board; he is also a member of the Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance's (DBSA) National Speaker's Bureau; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Eric Weaver has been featured in TIME, DETAILS, READER'S DIGEST, and on the website Web/MD, as well as in various news publications and local television

programs; he is a member of the Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Business Executives and Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Eric Weaver has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Eric Weaver has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Eric Weaver upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association of Genesee County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Weaver.