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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Mediation Center of Dutchess County upon the occasion of its Silver Anniversary Celebration on April 2, 2009

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 organizations and individuals who work to improve the well-being of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend the Mediation Center of Dutchess County upon the occasion of its Silver Anniversary Celebration, to be held at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York, on Thursday, April 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1983, the Mediation Center of Dutchess County provides and promotes conflict prevention, management, and resolution services to benefit more than 2,000 individuals, families, schools, businesses, and organizations each year; and

WHEREAS, The Mediation Center is a non-profit agency, offering its services under the auspices of the New York State Unified Court System's Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement (ADRCI) Programs; and

WHEREAS, Services are provided by staff and certified volunteer mediators who assist in facilitating the conversation between parties in conflict by empowering them to express their needs, listen to other points of view, and make decisions; and

WHEREAS, The many programs offered by the Mediation Center of Dutchess County include a Family Program which addresses a variety of family issues such as custody, visitation, child support, parents and teens, and adult care issues; a Community Program for interpersonal, business, and other disputes which affect individuals and communities; a Divorce Program which offers a process by which participants can negotiate all aspects of marital separation, leading to legal separation or divorce; and a Workplace Services program to train management and employees in

mediation and organizational facilitation for groups; and
WHEREAS, The Mediation Center also offers a Restorative Justice program which views crime as harming to the victim and the community and seeks to hold offenders accountable by repairing harm, reducing risk, and building community; an Elder Mediation Program designed to address caregiving and planning issues; and a variety of Special Programs; and
WHEREAS, The Mediation Center of Dutchess County truly merits the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services; as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary of service, this Legislative Body is pleased to have the opportunity to applaud its enduring commitment to the community it has served so well and to extend its highest commendation to its Board, staff, and volunteers; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Mediation Center of Dutchess County upon the occasion of its Silver Anniversary Celebration on April 2, 2009; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601.