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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim March 2010 as Nutrition Month in the State of New York in conjunction with National Nutrition Month

WHEREAS, Nearly one in five children are diagnosed as obese annually at or before they reach two years of age according to the Center for Disease Control and it is at that stage of life that a child is learning the type of food and how much food to consume; and

WHEREAS, Childhood obesity is a national epidemic that has doubled since the 1970s in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Obesity accounts for more than 300,000 deaths per year and the annual cost to society for obesity is an estimated \$100 billion according to the Center for Disease Control; and

WHEREAS, The New York University Child Study Center has determined that if a parent is obese there is a fifty percent chance that the child will be obese, and if both parents are obese, then there is an eighty percent chance that the child will be obese; and

WHEREAS, Early intervention can help detect the magnitude of a child's obesity and minimize the occurrence of diseases such as Type II Diabetes which increase the risk of heart disease, eye complications, and kidney conditions; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Michelle Obama is leading a national effort to fight childhood obesity by providing parents with information regarding healthier lifestyles for their children, support to ensure that their children are receiving the proper nutrients, ensuring that schools are providing students with healthy foods, and helping children partake in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health launched the Activ8kids program in 2005 to help fight childhood obesity and support healthy lifestyles among children, in which children are involved in daily regimens of physical exercise and healthy food choices to help improve their health; and

WHEREAS, The month of March is National Nutrition Month and consists of a campaign that focuses on the importance of helping children and

teens make healthy food choices and promote physical activity; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim the month of March as
Nutrition Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to the Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New
York.