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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the students at the Albany Community Charter School, Brighter Choice School for Boys and Brighter Choice School for Girls for obtaining outstanding academic success

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the students at the Albany Community Charter School, Brighter Choice School for Boys and Brighter Choice School for Girls for continuing high achievement, an accomplishment that clearly demonstrates an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the students at the Albany Community Charter School, Brighter Choice School for Boys and Brighter Choice School for Girls for obtaining outstanding academic success; and

WHEREAS, The nonprofit Brighter Choice Foundation provides start-up grants, school facilities, a revolving loan fund, and technical assistance to eleven public charter schools in the City of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The public charter schools established in Albany by the Brighter Choice Foundation are based upon some of the top urban schools in the United States, with a focus on replicating best practices and proven school models; these schools, assisted by the Brighter Choice Foundation, each offer small-school settings, longer school days and scholastic years, high academic and behavioral expectations, extensive use of data to inform instruction, along with school uniform attire; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, the Brighter Choice Foundation has collaboratively established a mentorship program with members of The New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus; studies consistently show that youth who are mentored have a better chance to succeed; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of the students at Albany Community Charter School, the Brighter Choice School for Boys and the Brighter Choice School for Girls stands as a resolute testimony to each of the institution's commitment to standards of excellence, uncompromising values as

it relates to challenging archaic pedagogical models, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brighter Choice Foundation for obtaining outstanding academic success, and to memorialize the mentorship program between the Brighter Choice Foundation and the Caucus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brighter Choice Foundation.