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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of its 7th Annual Black and Latino Achievers Banquet on June 10, 2010 and saluting the honorees of the evening

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry, paying particular attention to the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of its 7th Annual Black and Latino Achievers Awards Banquet honoring outstanding community leaders and area young people, to be held at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; on Thursday, June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, YMCA services in the Capital Region of New York State have affected the spirit, mind and body of people for more than 150 years and, since its formation in 1990, the Capital District YMCA has reiterated and enhanced the YMCA's commitment to the children, families and seniors of the area; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District YMCA's Black and Latino Achievers Program was established to help youth set and pursue higher education and career goals; it reaches into the heart of the community for both adult and teen achievers and, recognizing and utilizing the talents of successful professionals and community leaders, the program brings a much needed positive influence into the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, The Black and Latino Achievers Awards Banquet, one of the Capital District YMCA's most memorable events, celebrates the accom-

plishments of student and adult achievers and, in a moving and memorable way, illustrates how much can be achieved when dedicated adults support and mentor young people, encouraging them, through participation in the program, to set meaningful educational goals and to make positive contributions to their community; and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Adult Achievers to be honored at the Banquet include Michael Barber, The Honorable William A. Carter, Shana Davis, Donald Dupass, Nelson Flores, Donovan S. Kenney, Kathryn Ramsey, Ricky Romero, D. Ekow King, Sahi L. Butler, The Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson, Carl Patterson, William Hill and Maria Neira; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Youth Black and Latino Award recipients from Albany County are: Tomasilienne Lewis, The Albany Academies; Ambre McNeal, Guilderland High School; Jasmine Day, Guilderland High School; Leila Atallah Benson, Albany High School; Star-Quana Jackson, Albany High School; Brandon Everett, Christian Brothers Academy; Dudley Okongo, Albany High School; Teon A. Desir, Albany High School; Rebecca Edick, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School; Keva Luke, Albany High School; Kasheem Ward, Albany High School; Myriam Monik Diamande, Bethlehem Central High School and Simone Arington, Bethlehem Central High School; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and adults and young people of commitment, dedication and accomplishment are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and extolled for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of its 7th Annual

Black and Latino Achievers Banquet on June 10, 2010 and to salute the Adult and Youth honorees of the evening; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to J. David Brown, President and CEO of the Capital District

YMCA, and to each of the aforementioned honorees.