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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 45th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., April 7, 2011

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 those organizations and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, 2011; and WHEREAS, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) is a private, not-for-profit, community based organization incorporated in 1965 as part of a network of 1100 Community Action Agencies formed to implement the initiatives on the war on poverty; since that time, COI has evolved in response to local needs and conditions and now has a number of designations and licenses related to specific programs; and

WHEREAS, COI's mission is to lead the fight against poverty by mobilizing resources and creating partnerships to promote empowerment, economic independence and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, A grassroots agency, both governed by and serving the people of Chautauqua County, COI's 18 member Board of Directors is drawn from the community it serves and is made up in equal parts of representatives of the private sector, public sector and low-income community; and

WHEREAS, COI also carries out economic development activities through an affiliate agency called Chautauqua Opportunities for Development, Inc. (CODI) which has been designated a Community Development Financial Institution through the United States Treasury Department; and

WHEREAS, CODI's Mission is to lead the fight against poverty by mobilizing resources and creating partnerships to promote and create economic independence through business development and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, COI has evolved in response to local needs and conditions and has a number of designations and licenses related to its specific

programs, including: Community Development Corporation affiliated with the National Community Action Partnership; registered charity in New York State; HUD Housing Counseling Agency; Community Housing Development Organization; Community Development Corporation; Rural Preservation Company under the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; Licensed Home Care Agency; Licensed Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter provider and New York State Licensed Child Care Provider and Child Care Resource and Referral Service; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.