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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Center for Children's Initiatives upon the occasion of hosting its annual Champions for Children Awards Gala

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 who would devote themselves 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 commend the Center for Children's Initiatives upon the occasion of hosting its annual Champions for Children Awards Gala on Monday, October 24, 2011, at the Yale Club of New York City; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this fine event will recognize several distinguished honorees, they are: Kim Jasmin, Vice President, Northeast Region JP Morgan Chase, Corporate Leadership Award; Donna Chandler, Early Childhood Educational Director, Children's Aid Society - Drew Hamilton Center, Golden Heart Award; and the Emergency Coalition to Save Child Care, Institutional Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Formerly known as Child Care, Inc., the Center for Children's Initiatives (CCI) champions the right of all children to start life with the best possible foundation of early learning, care and healthy development; founded in 1982, it has more than a quarter century of experience supporting families by helping them to be more effective consumers of early care and learning services; and

WHEREAS, CCI provides specialized training and one-to-one intensive technical assistance to all types of programs serving children from infancy through school age; the organization is a respected and nationally recognized voice promoting appropriate public investments and innovative solutions to improve quality and access to the best options for all families; and

WHEREAS, CCI's Parent Referral Service has assisted nearly 4,000 New York City parents in navigating the complexities of finding and choosing

early care and education arrangements for their children; and
WHEREAS, In 2009, CCI provided information, ongoing technical assistance and professional development opportunities to more than 3500 individuals and organizations seeking to start-up, expand, maintain and improve the quality of their services; its professional development opportunities span from early literacy and business management training to long-term intensive accreditation support and required credentialing classes for after school professionals; in addition, it provides affordable training in topics as diverse as health, safety, child development, and sound business practices; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Center for Children's Initiatives upon the occasion of hosting its annual Champions for Children Awards Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Julie Fenster, President, Center for Children's Initiatives, and to the aforementioned honorees.