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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating The Syracuse Center of Excellence for achieving LEED Platinum-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations that focus on reducing energy consumption and improving indoor air quality in order to benefit the health of our citizens, while setting the highest level of environmental standards for the state and country; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate The Syracuse Center of Excellence for achieving LEED Platinum-level certification for its "green" headquarters building, located on East Washington Street in the City of Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated in March of 2010, The Syracuse Center of Excellence headquarters was designed to exemplify the highest level of LEED standards in order to address global changes in clean and renewable energy, indoor air quality and water resources; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Executive Director Edward Bogucz, The Syracuse Center of Excellence headquarters is a five-story, 55,000 square foot facility that features numerous sustainable energy initiatives, such as highly insulated glass windows to provide solar heat, high efficiency LED lighting and a green roof; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Center of Excellence headquarters is relatively narrow in design to reduce brownfield disturbance, and the building contains a storm water retention tank and demand-controlled ventilation; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse Center of Excellence also houses laboratories where members are able to conduct targeted research on indoor environ-

mental quality, demonstrate new technologies, commercialize innovations and educate the workforce; and

WHEREAS, A LEED Platinum-level rating showcases The Syracuse Center of Excellence as an international leader in clean energy and building sustainability; it also allows members of research, academic and business sectors to continue to collaboratively develop innovative technologies that will further enhance the region's economic health; and

WHEREAS, It took the vision and hard work of many passionate community leaders and local and national experts to make The Syracuse Center of Excellence headquarters a reality; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when facilities 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 honor and recognize The Syracuse Center of Excellence for achieving LEED Platinum-level certification for its "green" building headquarters on East Washington Street in the City of Syracuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward Bogucz, Executive Director, The Syracuse Center of Excellence.