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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Annette Adamczak upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 Heroine of the Heart Award from the American Heart Association

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals whose extraordinary spirit and determination are an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Annette Adamczak upon the occasion of receiving the 2013 Heroine of the Heart Award from the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Annette Adamczak received this prestigious award to a standing ovation during the Go Red for Women luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo, New York, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect it; and

WHEREAS, Since losing her 14-year-old daughter, Emily Rose, to sudden cardiac arrest in 2009, Annette Adamczak has been on a crusade that has resulted in over 3,000 high school students learning Hands-only CPR and training in the use of an AED; and

WHEREAS, Annette Adamczak has been a powerful voice advocating to make learning these life-saving skills part of the required curriculum in schools throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, As a Certified CPR Instructor for Rural/Metro Medical Services, Annette Adamczak uses her personal story to connect with students, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to save a life; her vital mission began at Akron Central School where her daughter attended; and WHEREAS, Annette Adamczak helped to make sure there were AEDs installed at the Akron Sports Complex and Newstead Veterans Park; and WHEREAS, Annette Adamczak has dedicated her life to bringing CPR training to every student in the State of New York; in addition to training and advocacy, she organizes the annual Emily Rose 5K Race in order to raise funds to help support AED and CPR training; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who exemplify a spirit of humanity, transforming personal tragedy into proactive work for the health, safety and well-being of all citizens of this great Empire State should be recognized and celebrated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Annette Adamczak on the occasion of receiving the 2013 Heroine of the Heart Award from the American Heart Association; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Annette Adamczak.