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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the Annual Center for Disability Services Telethon on January 25, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of organizations and individuals who bring vital attention and awareness to important health issues which affect the lives of the citizens of our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of the Annual Center for Disability Services Telethon on Saturday, January 25, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Albany and broadcast live; and

WHEREAS, A community tradition for more than five decades, proceeds from this auspicious event benefit the Center for Disability Services and its divisions, Prospect Center in Queensbury and St. Margaret's Center in Albany; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disability Services stands true to its mission to enable and empower people, primarily those with disabilities, to lead healthy and enriched lives; and

WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the Center for Disability Services has been the place to turn to for innovative services and expert care for individuals with disabilities and chronic medical conditions in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary organization provides services to more than 12,000 individuals, newborns to seniors, as well as their families, at 85 locations throughout nine counties in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated organizations such as the Center for Disability Services serve as an invaluable and vital community resource, giving voice to the needs of one of the most vulnerable populations in this

society and ensuring that individuals with disabilities have full access to the best opportunities, leading to more independent lifestyles; and WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of the Annual Center for Disability Services Telethon on January 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Center for Disability Services.