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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating St. Peter's Community Arts Academy upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Non-Profit Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce

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 enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of business organizations and individuals that generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate St. Peter's Community Arts Academy upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Non-Profit Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 112th Annual Dinner at Club 86, Geneva, New York, on Thursday, January 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1987, with a Community Choir and 10 members, the St. Peter's Community Arts Program has grown to comprise of more than 200 students participating in private and group lessons each week; it was in 2005 when the St. Peter's Community Arts Academy was officially established; and

WHEREAS, Today, the St. Peter's Community Arts Academy continues to grow; the Academy has seen an increase in the number of participants in their Community Choir, Piano Studio, and String Studio, and in 2012, the Arts Academy added Kindermusik as well as a Dance Studio in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the St. Peter's Community Arts Academy is to provide quality instruction in music and the arts to students of all ages and level of skill, regardless of financial means or religious affiliation; last year, the Academy provided scholarships to 33

students; and

WHEREAS, Arts are essential for personal growth, education, and strengthening of community; in 2013, approximately 60 volunteers provided over 800 hours of time and talent to the St. Peter's Community Arts Academy; and

WHEREAS, St. Peter's Community Arts Academy benefits from the growing emphasis on the arts and, in turn, contributes to the arts, culture, activities, and events throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of St. Peter's Community Arts Academy for providing an exceptional experience in music and dance that has the potential to transform lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate St. Peter's Community Arts Academy upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Non-Profit Business of the Year Award by the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Peter's Community Arts Academy.