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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Pride Center of the Capital Region on February 5, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the profound impact of those exemplary organizations within the great State of New York which proactively work for the empowerment of minority communities, and the importance of such work for the benefit of all citizens of this State, and indeed, all citizens of the 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 45th Anniversary of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, to be celebrated on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at The Linda, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Based in Albany, New York, the Pride Center is dedicated to serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identified people (LGBTQ) community in the Capital Region, and has been meeting the needs of LGBTQ people in a 10 county region since 1970; and

WHEREAS, As the oldest continuously-operating LGBTQ community center in the country, the Pride Center has tirelessly worked to build a welcoming community characterized by dignity, inclusivity and compassion for all people; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Pride Center promotes the well-being of all LGBTQ individuals, as well as those discriminated against based on gender identity and expression; and

WHEREAS, Advocating for equality and justice, the Pride Center facilitates empowerment, enrichment and self-expression within the community; and

WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the Pride Center has been committed to the advancement of the Capital Region as a place where LGBTQ

individuals can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Pride Center of the Capital Region on February 5, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Pride Center of the Capital Region.