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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paul Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Big Brother of the Year Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paul Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Big Brother of the Year Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters; prior to this award, he won the 2014 Big Brother of the Year Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, Paul Wright is now a candidate for the National Award for Big Brother of the Year to be announced in June of 2015; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life; and

WHEREAS, As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Paul Wright, a retired financial planner from Queensbury, New York, became a Big Brother in 2009; he was matched two years later with his current little brother, Chris Marzola, a Russian immigrant who has faced many challenges in his short life; and

WHEREAS, Since being matched in 2011, Paul Wright has been an excel-

lent mentor, providing guidance and encouragement to help Chris Marzola in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Paul Wright has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Paul Wright has displayed throughout his life; 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 honor Paul Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the New York State Big Brother of the Year Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Wright.