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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department on April 2, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by the availability of exceptional recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department to be celebrated at a ceremony on Thursday, April 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of concerned citizens who are committed to meeting the challenges of providing recreational opportunities and quality park life to the growing Cicero community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization was started in 1964, after Peter Cataldi, a local resident, was appointed by the Cicero Town Board to form a Commission to oversee the creation of a Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Peter Cataldi supported and championed the recreation movement in Cicero by establishing a first of its kind contractual agreement in the county with two school districts for full utilization of facilities year round; and

WHEREAS, Peter Cataldi then spoke to groups in the community about the true benefits of recreation, laid the groundwork for developing partnerships, and approached residents regarding gifting land for a future park; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Commission was appointed and the department's first Director, Dick Bader, began his

work building the programs which formed the foundation for the outstanding organization which exists today; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Dick Bader skillfully brought together the Department's competent, enthusiastic staff and used existing facilities and organizations to create an active all-inclusive recreation program for both adults and youth which garnered tremendous community support; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dick Bader was highly active in supervising the recreation programs, performing such tasks as securing equipment for various activities, transporting children, holding baseball clinics, mowing lawns and participating with youngsters in all sports; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department is a vital part of its community which has brought beauty and pleasure to the residents of Cicero; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department's superbly-skilled staff, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the population they serve; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the seasons, the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department has provided safe and enjoyable activities and destinations much appreciated by the residents of Cicero and visitors who seek the recreational resources of the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Cicero's Parks and Recreation Department.