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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ulysses deArmas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Libby Post Council Leadership Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals that it wishes to recognize for having given of their time and energies to serve the best interests of their communities and to publicly acknowledge their service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ulysses deArmas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Libby Post Council Leadership Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region which was celebrated at the Center's Annual Gala on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the Hilton Albany in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of the Capital Region is dedicated to serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in the Albany area, and has been meeting the diverse needs of the LGBT population since 1970; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Pride Center holds a Gala to raise needed funds for the Center's fundamental programs and services, including its youth and senior programs; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses deArmas graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1983, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from St. John's University in 1988; in addition, he participated in graduate studies in religious education at Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, For 21 years, this esteemed man was a member of the Catholic religious order, the Brothers of the Christian Schools, where he held a number of different roles, including teacher, campus minister, coach, social worker, and administrator; he also worked in four different high

schools including Christian Brothers Academy and LaSalle School, both in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses deArmas began his current position as Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in August of 2006; he serves as a panelist for safe zone training sessions on campus, and as a mentor to undergraduate students who are a part of the LGBT Mentorship Program at RPI; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses deArmas was an active member and sometime facilitator of the Gay Mens Peer Support Group at the Pride Center; through his involvement in the group, he went on to volunteer to chair the Events Committee for Capital Pride for five years; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses deArmas has also served the LGBT community as a facilitator for the Pride Center's Youth Group, and has been co-host of the popular radio show, HomoRadio, for the past seven years, which he continues to co-host; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ulysses deArmas has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pride Center for six years, and has also served as Chair of the Pride Center's Scholarship Committee for three years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ulysses deArmas 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 Ulysses deArmas has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ulysses deArmas upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the Libby Post Council Leadership Award by the Pride Center of the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ulysses deArmas.