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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 120th Anniversary of the Ossining Children's Center on April 26, 2015

WHEREAS, Organizations which seek to enhance the education of our youngest students help to provide children a solid knowledge base upon which to build their future studies; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those organizations of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Ossining Children's Center, to be celebrated with a Gala on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Abigail Kirsch's Tappan Hill, Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Ossining Children's Center, a nonprofit child care center, was founded in 1895 to provide educational and enriching care to the children of immigrant women whose husbands were killed or disabled while working on the railroad or the Croton Aqueduct; and

WHEREAS, Today, this vital organization cares for more than 160 children, ages eight weeks through grade five, and offers a variety of early childhood and school age programs; the center also provides a full-day camp for preschoolers and school-age youngsters in the summer, as well as a variety of enrichment programs including a summer film animation workshop, gardening program, gymnastics and music; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Ossining Children's Center provides care for children in a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment, creating a foundation for life-long intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth, and serving as a community resource and

advocate for families; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Ossining Children's Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this Legislative Body extend its highest commendation to the administration, teachers, staff and parents, both past and present, of the Ossining Children's Center for their dedication and commitment to the children, school and community in the creation of a better world for the children of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, The Ossining Children's Center has been an integral part of the history of its community, representing a dynamic, responsive and positive force within the educational system of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Ossining Children's Center on April 26, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ossining Children's Center, Ossining, New York.