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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kenyette Curry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kenyette Curry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council to be celebrated at its Semi-Annual Meeting and Head Start 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kenyette Curry has been an invaluable member of the Heart Start management team and a powerful resource for many families and children; a highly respected woman, she serves as a mentor for her colleagues and staff, and is a dedicated educator whose mission is to provide quality early childhood education programming to children as well as access to resources and services for families in the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Head Start program, Kenyette Curry has a large impact on families and children by serving as an advocate in the local community and sharing services and information; evidence of significant contributions is shown through her leadership and outspoken advocacy for the Head Start program's children and families; and

WHEREAS, Kenyette Curry's work site/center location is often seen as a

model and premier location for Head Start services and events; she frequently speaks publicly regarding the importance of early childhood education and the effectiveness of the Head Start program, and has hosted several public events; in addition, she has been featured on local news stations speaking about the effectiveness of Head Start and its early childhood education practices; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2015, Kenyette Curry collaborated with the National Heart Association to spotlight her center for one of their Healthy Heart kick-off initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Kenyette Curry was a leader of Head Start's new safety committee, where she was instrumental in helping create new initiatives to increase safety procedures and best practices; her leadership fostered an agency atmosphere where safety is number one; and WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her profession, Kenyette Curry is a member of various agency committees, task force groups, and program planning groups; and

WHEREAS, Kenyette Curry has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the CEO Head Start, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Kenyette Curry has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Kenyette Curry upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenyette Curry.