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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Proctor's Theatre upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 businesses and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Proctor's Theatre upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc., to be celebrated at the Center's 21st Annual Dessert Spectacular on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1987, the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities lead happy and fulfilling lives; rooted in a philosophy of self-determination, the Center offers many services, including advocacy, peer counseling, and facilitates access to housing and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Leadership Award is granted annually to those businesses, such as Proctor's Theatre, which have demonstrated their commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities; honorees have each in their own way helped make the community a more welcoming place for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The home of great theater in the Capital District, Proctor's Theatre has been providing accessibility for people with disabilities for years; they offer interpreter services for deaf patrons, and have

available wheelchair accessible seating in multiple areas of the facility, allowing theater-goers to choose which spot is most comfortable and affordable for them; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff at Proctor's Theatre make great efforts to know the individual needs of each person with a disability so they are ensured an enjoyable experience, including meeting them at the front of the facility and escorting them to their seats; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when businesses of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Proctor's Theatre upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Proctor's Theatre.