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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Junior League of Albany upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Equinox Domestic Violence Shelter

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Junior League of Albany upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition, to be celebrated at the Equinox Domestic Violence Shelter's 25th Anniversary Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1901, a New York City debutante, Mary Harriman, formed the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements; she mobilized a group of 80 young women to work to improve child health, nutrition and literacy among immigrants living on the Lower East Side of Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1917, the Junior League of Albany started humbly as a group of women knitting goods for the soldiers overseas; since then, this vital organization has been a constant force of change in the Albany area; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Junior League of Albany is comprised of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, the Junior League of Albany saw the need

to open Albany County's first domestic violence shelter; the League donated seed money, raised additional funds, found and renovated a house, and chose Equinox to run the shelter; and

WHEREAS, The doors of the Equinox Domestic Violence Center were officially opened to the public on June 1, 1989; due to the commitment of the Albany Junior League, the Shelter has been serving the needs of the citizens of the Capital District ever since; and

WHEREAS, The Equinox Domestic Violence Shelter is committed to providing safety for victims of Domestic Violence, including the elderly, and offer the support, assistance and tools they need to escape abusive situations and take control of their lives; and

WHEREAS, A symbol of hope in the community for close to 100 years, the success enjoyed by the Junior League of Albany is in direct correlation to the efforts of its founders, supporters, staff and the thousands of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 commend the Junior League of Albany upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition by the Equinox Domestic Violence Shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Junior League of Albany.