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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Heidi Hernandez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Most Improved in Time Class Award by Living Resources on April 24, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals with disabilities merit our recognition as they realize goals that serve to lift barriers and expand choices for all persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Heidi Hernandez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Most Improved in Time Class Award by Living Resources, to be celebrated at its 2015 Spring Awards Ceremony, on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the Village of Colonie Family Center, Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award recognizes adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, such as Heidi Hernandez, for their achievement at mastering academic, independence, and work readiness performance skills; and

WHEREAS, For her hard work and determination, Heidi Hernandez is the recipient of the Most Improved in Time Class Award; and

WHEREAS, At Living Resources, its staff of more than 650, assist and support people who are disabled due to birth trauma, accident or illness; more importantly, the dedicated staff appreciates each person's individual strengths, and capabilities, allowing them to be the best they can be; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization provides individualized life enhancing opportunities to persons with disabilities through volunteerism, education and enrichment activities in their communities, some of which are: over 60 residential housing arrangements, day opportunities, arts, community volunteering through Living Resources' Rotaract Club, supported employment, after school programs, counseling services,

services to persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, in home support to families, and services to persons with Traumatic Brain Injury; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Living Resources also provides access to a Home Health Agency and a Licensed Home Care Services Agency which specialize in serving people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals whose extraordinary spirit and determination are an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Heidi Hernandez is a role model for many who face similar obstacles which she has faced and overcome; holding steadfast to her dream of independence, she accomplished her goals and made her vision a reality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Heidi Hernandez upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Most Improved in Time Class Award by Living Resources on April 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Heidi Hernandez.