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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Upper Susquehanna Coalition upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 US EPA Environmental Champion Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the continuing welfare of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched and reliably served by the purposeful endeavors of associations which are committed to the preservation of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Upper Susquehanna Coalition upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 US EPA Environmental Champion Award; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 US EPA Environmental Champion Award recognizes individuals and associations which have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to protecting and enhancing environmental quality and public health; this prestigious award is the highest recognition presented to the public by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Susquehanna Coalition (USC) is a network of 16 soil and water conservation districts in New York and three conservation districts in Pennsylvania; its mission is to protect and improve water quality and natural resources in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin with the involvement of citizens and agencies through education, partnerships, planning, implementation and advocating for our water resources; and

WHEREAS, Over the past five years, this esteemed conservation group has constructed or restored more than 700 acres of wetlands and wetland-related habitat in the Upper Susquehanna River watershed; these wetlands help New York reduce nutrient sediment loads to the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Among its many accomplishments, USC has been designated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as the official wetland data manager for the Chesapeake Bay Program; it is also responsible for the wetland goals of the State in its Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, USC has supported area farms in the Southern Tier by working with the agricultural community to assist with their regulatory and conservation needs; and

WHEREAS, The success of the USC is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members and 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 environment and the overall community; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as the Upper Susquehanna Coalition which work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Upper Susquehanna Coalition upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2015 US EPA Environmental Champion Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Upper Susquehanna Coalition.