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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Just for Kids After School Program of Grand Island, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the School Age Program of the Year Award from the Child Care Resource Network

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Just for Kids After School Program upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the School Age Program of the Year Award from the Child Care Resource Network; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at an event held at Samuel's Grand Manor in Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Child Care Resource Network's School Age Program Award is given to a child care provider who demonstrates an exceptional ongoing commitment to professional development, consistently provides high-quality care and education, is responsive to the needs of children and families, and is compliant with New York State School Age Child Care Regulations; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, Just for Kids has been a non-profit organization offering enrichment programs to over 1,000 school-age children in public and private schools throughout Western New York; its 150 staff members either hold degrees in education or are pursuing degrees in this field; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to raising the level of quality care for children in the Grand Island School District, Just for Kids offers outstanding

programs at Kaegebein Elementary School, Huth Elementary School, and Sidway Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Using a creative and hands-on approach, this esteemed organization has crafted a before-and-after-school curriculum which helps educate children in a well-organized and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Director Kristina Kleeh, Just for Kids has become known for its brilliance in education, as well as for consistently demonstrating a commitment to professional development for its staff; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission, Just for Kids will continue to provide outstanding after school care to all of the students under its direction for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, The School Age Program of the Year Award stands as a resolute testimony to Just for Kids' high standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents and staff, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Just for Kids After School Program upon the occasion of its designation as a recipient of the School Age Program of the Year Award, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kristina Kleeh, Director, Just For Kids.