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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenyetta Zackery upon the occasion of her designation as the 2015 Woman of Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kenyetta Zackery upon the occasion of her designation as the 2015 Woman of Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its Resourceful Women's Luncheon Awards on September 30, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA was created with the intentions of being a safe place for women to launch a new start; through this vital organization's continued determination, the YWCA is able to assist these women in reaching their goals and maintaining self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the YWCA of the Capital Region has held an award ceremony to honor those whose community and professional pursuits advance the empowerment of women, as well as individuals who represent the spirit of determination which defines the women of the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, Kenyetta Zackery is being recognized with this auspicious honor for exemplifying the true meaning of self-determination and triumphing over adversity; and

WHEREAS, Coming to the YWCA as a teenage mother and high school drop-

out in need of a change in her life, Kenyetta Zackery seized the opportunity to enroll in the YWCA Jamison-Rounds Ready for Work Program from which she graduated in July of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kenyetta Zackery has been successfully implementing her JR-RFW Five Year Plan by earning her GED, receiving her PCA/Home Health Aide Certificate, working as a PCA and attending Hudson Valley Community College; in addition, she lost 117 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Upon her college graduation, Kenyetta Zackery plans to work with victims of domestic violence and aid homeless families; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kenyetta Zackery has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Kenyetta Zackery upon the occasion of her designation as the 2015 Woman of Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenyetta Zackery.