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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Variety Child Learning Center, on April 15, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, enabling our schools to set and meet standards for excellence in academic achievement for all students; and
WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Variety Child Learning Center, to be celebrated on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1966, by Judith Bloch, a respected academic with extensive practical experience in social work, Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC) was created as one of the first therapeutic preschools on Long Island for children with learning, language and behavior problems; and

WHEREAS, Through its 50 year history, VCLC has expanded to include children from birth up to age eight at two sites while maintaining its focus on fostering a nurturing environment based on the latest research and methodologies; and

WHEREAS, VCLC's comprehensive programs in special education, speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy as well as various other services begin when children are very young; these invaluable programs have helped thousands of children reach their potential, and in many cases exceed the expectations of their parents; and

WHEREAS, VCLC's unique support system which encompasses a low student-teacher ratio, offers close, personal attention to each student from a caring, dedicated and expertly trained staff; in addition, it

takes pride in its partnership with families, offering them special programs, resources and support, maintaining an open-school policy, and encouraging family visits to its sites; and

WHEREAS, Beginning its next luminous half century, VCLC's goal is to provide students and families with modern facilities, state-of-the-art technology and the most innovative programs; VCLC aims to advance children's skills and promote their development so that they can be integrated into the community; and

WHEREAS, With a proven track record, VCLC will continue to change the lives of the children who come through its doors, preparing them for life long success; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to now record its recognition and appreciation in honoring this outstanding educational organization, whose half century dedication and accomplishments have been instrumental in empowering the most vulnerable students, and developing academic excellence across the spectrum of education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Variety Child Learning Center, and to wish it continued success in its laudable mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Variety Child Learning Center.