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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter Lauricella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter Lauricella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award to be celebrated at its Annual President's Award Dinner, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Albany Marriott, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, An attorney and partner with Wilson Elser LLP, Peter Lauricella has extensive experience with all phases of litigation in state, federal, administrative and bankruptcy courts, including trials and appeals; he is currently Chair of his firm's litigation practice in Albany, where he leads a growing team of more than 15 attorneys and paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, Peter Lauricella is also Vice Chair of Wilson Elser's Commercial Litigation practice nationwide, and represents clients in all types of complex commercial and corporate matters, as well as in general corporate transactions and professional liability lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this esteemed lawyer co-leads his firm's Government Investigations and Contracts practice where he assists corporate clients in navigating the complex maze of business regulations; he also provides representation to companies that are the subject of government investigations and handles proceedings involving the award or denial of government contracts; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Peter Lauricella has achieved successful outcomes for clients through his strong work ethic, meticulous preparation and his commitment to being unfailingly accessi-

ble and responsive; and

WHEREAS, Peter Lauricella has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has served on the boards of directors for several non-profit organizations and chamber of commerce committees, including his local YMCA where he holds the position of Chairman; and WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Peter Lauricella became a member of the the Judicial Qualifications and Screening Committee in 2011, where he has assisted in interviewing and reviewing the qualifications of candidates running for state judgeships; he also served for six years on the Albany County Ethics Commission, and most recently, the Town of Bethlehem Ethics Board; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Peter Lauricella has served on a Citizens Committee charged with developing a plan to manage the growth of an important local business corridor, and has taught business and commercial law; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding service Peter Lauricella was selected for inclusion in the Upstate New York SUPER LAWYERS, and was selected by THE BUSINESS REVIEW as a "Forty Under Forty" honoree; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Peter Lauricella has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Peter Lauricella has displayed over the years; he has exhibited the true spirit of this esteemed award through his tireless dedication to the YMCA and his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peter Lauricella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Lauricella.