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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Jack Lisi Youth Award Program

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge certain exemplary organizations which provide our communities with services and support for younger generations, and through their work have become beacons of compassion and devotion within the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Jack Lisi Youth Award Program; and

WHEREAS, The Jack Lisi Youth Award Program was established in 1991, shortly after the death of Jack Lisi, former Steuben County Sheriff; its mission is to continue Sheriff Lisi's legacy of caring and assisting young adults in their future successes; and

WHEREAS, From the program's inception, the founders, including Charlie Babcock, Robert Cole and Sheriff Jerry Dartt, formed a leadership committee under the auspices of the Steuben County Youth Bureau and Steuben County RSVP Program; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, this original steering committee became the Board of Directors and the Jack Lisi Youth Award was officially incorporated as a legal non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Locally, fundraising began in the early 1990s with a mail campaign, later followed by a Golf Tournament which was held until 2007; the Annual Fall Reception started shortly thereafter, and continues to be a success; and

WHEREAS, All mail campaign and general donation funds are designated for the Annual Award Winners; the funds raised during the past Golf Tournaments and current Annual Fall Reception are used for overhead

expenses such as paper, printing, banquet costs for the award winners and their guests, insurance, professional bookkeeping services, postage, advertising and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, There are no personnel or payroll costs; governance and numerous tasks are accomplished by about 25 dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, A Trust Fund was established in the early 1990s for the Jack Lisi Award Program; the Board of Directors, along with a financial manager, expertly ensure that the investment fund grows and remains secure; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, 198 worthy young adults have been recipients of the Jack Lisi Youth Award; these deserving young adults are assisted toward their goals with items such as clothing, tools, college tuition, books as well as bus tickets; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those vital organizations which provide services for the betterment of the residents of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Jack Lisi Youth Award Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jack Lisi Youth Award Program.