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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of being named a 2016 Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers

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 the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of being named a 2016 Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Every day, the Capital District YMCA gives its community the support it needs to learn, grow, and thrive; from advocacy to exercise, disease prevention to athletics, and footballs to dance classes, this vital organization truly strengthens its neighborhoods and the people who live in them; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District YMCA believes that all children deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, under the guidance of caring adults who believe in their potential; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, the Capital District YMCA views each interaction with young people as an opportunity for learning and development; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District YMCA is open to all, bringing together people from all backgrounds, and supporting those who need them most; in addition, this organization takes on the most urgent needs within its community and inspires a spirit of service in return; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its members, volunteers, supporters, and staff demonstrate all that can be achieved by giving back together; and  
WHEREAS, Throughout the seven counties served by the Capital District YMCA, nearly 28,000 youth participate in its youth development programs and facility memberships through such programs as Achievers, Circle of Champs, Arts, Summer Learning Loss Prevention, Afterschool, Aquatics, Day and Resident Camping, Early Childhood Education, STEAM programs in cooperation with CMOST, Youth and Government, and Youth Sports; and  
WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, the Capital District YMCA has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Capital District YMCA is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Capital District YMCA upon the occasion of being named a 2016 Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Capital District YMCA.