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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Mary Jane Dike upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company on June 11, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to organizations and individuals whose commitment and creative talents contribute to the cultural enrichment, education and entertainment of their community and the State of New York and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mary Jane Dike upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company at its Annual Gala, A Silver Celebration, on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Troy Country Club, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company was founded by Ellen Sinopoli in 1991 to provide quality performances and educational activities to the people of the Capital District and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 25-year history, the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company has produced countless celebrated performances, created new dances and often collaborated with both regional and national artists to bring its educational projects to over 90 schools throughout the greater Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company is proud to recognize Mary Jane Dike for her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the Company and the arts as a whole, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Dike earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her master's degree from the State Universi-

ty of New York at Albany; for numerous years, she held the position of Chairman of Development Studies at Schenectady County Community College; and

WHEREAS, A gifted dancer, Mary Jake Dike was a vital member of the Jean Erdman Dance Company and taught dance at the Chautauqua Institute Dance Department and Union College; and

WHEREAS, A talented and prolific choreographer, Mary Jane Dike has choreographed and directed major works for dance companies in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; and as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mary Jane Dike upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company on June 11, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Jane Dike.