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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kim M. Engel 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 Kim M. Engel 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 Kim M. Engel 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, Kim M. Engel earned her bachelor's degree from the University of New York at Albany, and studied dance at Adelphi University; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-six years ago, Kim M. Engel worked with Ellen Sinopoli on a Bessie Schoenberg choreography project and its success led to the establishment of the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Kim M. Engel has been involved with the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in many capacities including as a performer, teaching artist, board member, education coordinator, administrator, donor and/or audience member; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Kim M. Engel also worked at The Egg and the UAlbany Performing Arts Center, both of which have allowed her to develop, program and commission Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company for performances and residencies; 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 Kim M. Engel 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 Kim M. Engel.