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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Starflight, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished histories of organizations which comprise the noble body of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Starflight, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In the early days, Starflight, Inc. flew military surplus Bell UH-1L helicopters in a public servant model; Starflight became a Part 135 air carrier in 2011, flying state-of-the-art, twin engine, dual pilot MD 900 Explorers; and

WHEREAS, Most of Starflight's pilots are military trained aviators with thousands of hours flying; Starflight, Inc. is one of less than 5 percent of the helicopter EMS programs in the country that fly dual pilot cockpit for every leg of all flights; and

WHEREAS, The medical direction is provided by Emergency Medicine trained physicians who started as EMTs in local EMS Systems; and

WHEREAS, The medical team of 20 is fully committed, highly skilled and well trained; about half of the flight nurses are also paramedics and all are working towards national certifications; and

WHEREAS, Extremely ill and critically injured patients have been flown towards hope for the past 30 years by the Starflight helicopter medevac; this prestigious organization has made over 8,000 transports and has saved countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Starflight, Inc.'s outstanding dedication to the region and commitment to fulfilling its critical role to area health care coverage is to be commended; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor milestones in the history of communities large and small in this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Starflight, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Starflight, Inc.