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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Norma Holmberg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 17, 2016

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 Norma Holmberg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Jazz in July Event on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the State Room, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In Our Own Voices is an autonomous organization dedicated to addressing the many needs and ensuring the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural, and economic survival and growth of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People of Color (LGBT POC) community in the Capital Region of Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, Norma Holmberg has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Bronx, Norma Holmberg relocated to Albany, New York, to work in a children's agency, where she began to lead and organize after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, Norma Holmberg then joined the volunteering program Ameri-Corp, where she worked for two years in the Albany City School District; during the summers, she served at worthy agencies such as The Boys &

Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Assisting in the schools inspired Norma Holmberg to become a Teacher's Assistant; currently, she is working in the Dual Language Program for the Albany City School District, which has provided her with many other opportunities to volunteer not only in the school but also in the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, Through her place of work, Norma Holmberg has become involved with the Ronald McDonald House and the March of Dimes; for the last 10 years, she has been volunteering at various LGBT Pride Day Events; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Norma Holmberg has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Albany 26 years ago, Norma Holmberg has proudly accomplished many personal goals for herself and her community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 29 years, and her three children, all of whom who feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Our society is greatly benefited by the purposeful efforts of individuals who unite for the cause of improving the quality of life for others, and who proactively work toward the goal of dignity for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Norma Holmberg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norma Holmberg.