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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Anniversary of Capital Area Peer Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Capital Area Peer Services, Inc. to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Capital Area Peer Services, Inc. (CAPS) promotes dignity, safety, recovery, and community; it is a peer-run agency that serves adults in the capital region of New York state who are recovering from mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, CAPS uses the unique power of peer services to enhance recovery and self-empowerment; its programs enhance the well-being of those it serves through increased community integration, systems advocacy, and problem solving skills in environments that foster self-determination; and

WHEREAS, CAPS was founded in 1988 as Community Living Associates Program, Inc.; it was organized by a small group of mental health service recipients in the Albany, New York area who envisioned a housing advocacy service that would be staffed by people in recovery from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Today, CAPS has grown to include the following six programs: Consumer Drop-In Center, Peer Support Program, Care Line Consumer Alternative Recovery Empowerment Phone Line, Peer Advocacy Inpatient Program, Peer Bridger Program, and the Supportive Residence Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organiza-

tions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Capital Area Peer Services, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Capital Area Peer Services, Inc.