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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its annual Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness event, on October 1, 2013

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 commend the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its annual Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness event, on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at River Station Restaurant Seafood & Steak Restaurant and Catering, Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce, was created on November 20, 1907, to support area businesses in an effort to grow the local economy; the organization began with 312 charter members; and

WHEREAS, In addition to working on behalf of its members, the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce has always been actively engaged with its community, taking action in support of important issues; and

WHEREAS, It is in this spirit of engagement that the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce has, for many years, been the proud host of its annual Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness event; and

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is a substantial public health problem in the United States and, as many recent studies point out, in New York State particularly; and

WHEREAS, Although mortality rates have fallen as knowledge about the disease has increased, the number of breast cancer cases diagnosed each year still continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, Several recent reports have found that breast cancer is the most common cancer occurring among women in New York State, with over 14,800 new cases diagnosed and an estimated 2,800 deaths per year; and

WHEREAS, Programs such as the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness event play an important role in combating the disease through providing education, resources, and funds towards finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when associations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of hosting its annual Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.