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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Angel Flight Northeast upon the occasion of celebrating 15 years of dedicated service, and recognizing its many compassionate and generous deeds

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 that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Angel Flight Northeast upon the occasion of celebrating 15 years of dedicated service, and recognizing its many compassionate and generous deeds; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Larry Camerlin, Angel Flight Northeast is celebrating 15 years of service to the courageous men, women and children with a serious illness but with an incredible will to live; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast flies these people to hospitals so they can receive the critical care they need; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast has answered over 45,000 flight requests and have flown over nine million miles in their efforts to prolong and enhance life; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast has never turned away a request; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast has been able to provide free flights due to the generous support of donors and volunteers who donate their time, planes, fuel, and resources; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Angel Flight Northeast has been responsive in times of crisis such as terrorist attacks, relief efforts, and has become a vital mode for carrying organs and blood for patients awaiting

transplants, and others in great need; and

WHEREAS, All Angel Flights are offered completely free to the passenger; and

WHEREAS, All Angel Flights are in private aircraft, by volunteer pilots who donate their time, talent, airplane, fuel, and operating expense; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast is proud of its nearly 1,000 volunteer trained pilots; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast offers service to nine states, including: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Angel Flight Northeast has previously received recognition from "The Today Show" and "CNN"; this vital organization has also been the recipient of National Child Labor Committee's Special Lewis Hine Award, was named the 2010 Family Advocate of the Year by BOSTON PARENTS PAPER, and recognized with the Hero Among Us Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Angel Flight Northeast upon the occasion of celebrating 15 years of dedicated service, and to recognize its many compassionate and generous deeds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Founder Larry Camerlin, Angel Flight Northeast.