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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jefferson Rehabilitation Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary

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 congratulate Jefferson Rehabilitation Center, JRC, which serves hundreds of people with developmental disabilities in the Jefferson County area every year, upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be observed with a gala event in Watertown, New York, during the summer of 2014; and WHEREAS, JRC began operating in 1954, in the basement of the First Methodist Church in Watertown, to provide educational opportunities to children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, JRC has spent the last six decades growing into the agency it is today, providing vocational, residential, day programs, preschool, early intervention and day care programs to over 900 individuals, with over 600 staff members; and

WHEREAS, JRC today is an independent, not-for-profit corporation which enhances the quality of life of individuals and their families through its wide ranging services; and

WHEREAS, JRC's goal is to maximize the potential of persons with disabilities and provide needed assistance to their family members, and it consistently achieves these goals through education, training and advocacy in community based settings; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor organizations which give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the communities of the State of New York and profoundly strengthen our society with their commitment; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the achievements and dedication of JRC, and to express our appreciation for all JRC has done for the Jefferson County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jefferson Rehabilitation Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jefferson Rehabilitation Center.