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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Anderson Center for Autism of Staatsburg, New York upon the occasion of celebrating their 90th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations that are dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of citizens of New York State; and

WHEREAS, In their 90 years of service to the community, the Anderson Center has transformed from a school for students with emotional and developmental challenges, to an agency dedicated to providing support for individuals on the autism spectrum along with their families and guardians; and

WHEREAS, The vision of Dr. Victor V. Anderson should be celebrated as he started the Anderson School in 1924 for one student believing that children with special needs would benefit from integrated programs that addressed their educational, emotional and social needs; and

WHEREAS, The Anderson School currently serves more than 200 children and adults with a primary diagnosis of autism; and

WHEREAS, Those services have been able to grow new and renovated campus homes, new community adult homes, upgrades to support service buildings, a new Recreation Center, and a Village Center contributing to the Anderson Center's ability to offer state-of-the-art facilities that create opportunities for children and adults with autism to learn and thrive; and

WHEREAS, The current leadership of the Anderson Center led by Executive Director Neil J. Pollack, the Executive Team, the Board of Trustees and staff should be celebrated as they have guided the Anderson Center to new heights; and

WHEREAS, Autism included amongst autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), the

third most common type of developmental disability in the United States, are afflictions occurring in children before the age of three, and are recognized by unresponsiveness to human contact, deficits in language development, and peculiar reactions to environmental stimuli; and WHEREAS, ASDs interfere with the normal development of children's reasoning, social interaction, and communication skills, causing those diagnosed to have difficulty relating to others; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of New York State to support all individuals with ASDs and to continue these efforts by promoting the organizations that are providing the most vital services to children and adults with ASDs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Anderson Center for Autism upon the occasion of celebrating their 90th Anniversary of service to New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Anderson Center for Autism of Staatsburg, New York.