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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Literacy
Volunteers of Rochester

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious institutions of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester to be celebrated with a luncheon on Thursday, May 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1964 in Auburn, New York, to help combat the problem of adult illiteracy in Rochester and its surrounding communities, Literacy Volunteers of Rochester's founding premise is that well-trained and carefully supported volunteers can be effective tutors of adults and can make a significant impact on the problem of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest literacy groups in the country, Literacy Volunteers of America is a national organization founded in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers of Rochester's tutors assist adult learners in overcoming the barriers of low literacy, enabling them to learn English as a Second Language, become proficient in basic math skills, complete a job application, and assist children and grandchildren; its services help individuals become independent readers, writers, and speakers of English; and

WHEREAS, Literacy Volunteers of Rochester works to encourage and assist other organizations and individuals that are committed to a literate society; by providing effective training and support to volunteers, the organization builds skills and abilities which enable its volunteers to help students acquire basic literacy skills and enhance

their personal growth; and

WHEREAS, As Literacy Volunteers of Rochester looks forward to another 50 years, its members know that its students and tutors are the backbone of the organization and that it would not be thriving today without the dedication of its many volunteers, past and present; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Literacy Volunteers of Rochester for its enduring commitment and outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Rochester and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Aply led and generously staffed by dedicated volunteers, Literacy Volunteers of Rochester will continue to thrive and succeed today and well into the future; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when the noble aims and accomplishments of organizations such as Literacy Volunteers of Rochester are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them, and their staff and volunteers, for the education and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Literacy Volunteers of Rochester.