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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Albany Police Athletic League upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary of serving the Capital Region

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to those programs which build stronger communities by providing positive role models and a safe and fun environment for the children of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Albany Police Athletic League upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary of serving the Capital Region; in recognition of this milestone, the League held its Capital Campaign on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at the Albany Hilton Hotel; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, a group of dedicated individuals came together with a common goal in looking to develop an organization that would provide recreational and educational juvenile crime prevention programs for the youth of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Albany Police Athletic League established numerous programs and initiatives to benefit the youth of Albany including: summer camps, Holiday toy drives, and various clubs and interest groups; in addition, the League started a city wide track competition for fifth and sixth graders; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Albany Police Athletic League provides after-school activities and help with homework to over 4,000 public, private, parochial, and charter school students; and

WHEREAS, Originally comprised of several individuals overseeing the

Albany Police Athletic League's inception and development, the Board of Directors is now made up of concerned citizens and community leaders from all walks of life and sworn members of the Albany Police Department helping guide the Albany Police Athletic League in its mission; and WHEREAS, A true asset to society, The Albany Police Athletic League strives to provide quality recreational, educational and social opportunities to Albany's most disadvantaged youth; it also seeks to reach Albany's youth with its crime prevention and its healthy lifestyle message; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Police Athletic League is a solid cornerstone of the community, and stands ready to continue its important mission for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor the Albany Police Athletic League upon the occasion of its 25th Anniversary of serving the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Albany Police Athletic League.