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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Jefferson Rehabilitation Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals and organizations whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Jefferson Rehabilitation Center; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Gala on Thursday, August 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Founded in Watertown, New York in 1954, Jefferson Rehabilitation Center (JRC) began as Jefferson County Association for the Help of Retarded Children, in the basement of the First Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Serving hundreds of people with developmental disabilities each year, the initial focus of JRC was in the early intervention of pre-school children; in the early 1970s, JRC expanded to include the developmentally disabled within the school systems; and

WHEREAS, During this time, a statewide movement known as Project Zero began to move people who were disabled from institutions, to community-based settings, and in June of 1980, the agency changed its name to Jefferson Rehabilitation Center, to better reflect its growth of services; and

WHEREAS, With an administrative center, day habilitation services, a production worksite, businesses, and several residents, JRC has truly evolved from its humble beginnings; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to

recognize Jefferson Rehabilitation Center for its unwavering commitment to people with developmental disabilities, as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative service to the community and individuals it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Howard W. Ganter, Jefferson Rehabilitation Center and its dedicated staff have had a long and sustained commitment to the health and welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County, and therefore merits the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howard W. Ganter, Executive Director, Jefferson Rehabilitation Center.