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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Connor Looby for his outstanding advocacy for and promotion of lymphedema awareness and research

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals committed to helping to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its longstanding tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud on the occasion of the observance of National Lymphedema Awareness Day on March 6, 2014, and seeks to honor and pay tribute to Connor Looby, a seven-year-old boy who has suffered from intestinal lymphangiectasia, a rare lymphatic disease, since his birth, and who currently suffers from lymphedema; in spite of his young age, Connor has been a tireless advocate for lymphatic disease awareness, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, National Lymphedema Awareness Day brings awareness to this often debilitating condition and helps find strength through collective celebration and is also set aside to honor inspirational Lymphedema patients and advocates; and

WHEREAS, Connor Looby began his fundraising and awareness efforts at the young age of six, when he and his family and friends formed a team for an obstacle race course (the tri-State Tuxedo Spartan Sprint) in Tuxedo, New York, to raise awareness and funds for lymphatic disease research; and

WHEREAS, Connor Looby has worked tirelessly despite significant health issues, including having had multiple hospitalizations, being on a low-fat, restricted diet, receiving daily physical therapy, and undergoing weekly infusions; and

WHEREAS, Connor Looby continued fundraising after his obstacle race

event, raising money for the 2013 Walk for Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases; and

WHEREAS, Connor Looby's family and friends have devoted themselves to this cause and made it their own; and

WHEREAS, In September 2013, at the Walk for Lymphedema & Lymphatic Diseases, Connor Looby was honored with the McKenna Shea Johnson Youth Ambassador Award by the Lymphatic Education & Research Network for his outstanding efforts; and

WHEREAS, Connor Looby continues to speak out and be a voice for lymphatic disease patients; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Connor Looby for his outstanding advocacy and promotion of Lymphedema awareness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Connor Looby, and to the Lymphatic Education & Research Network.