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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Chautauqua County Court Appointed Special Advocates, and commending Family Court Judge Judy Claire and Donna Vanstrom for special recognition

WHEREAS, A community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Chautauqua County Court Appointed Special Advocates, and to commend Family Court Judge Judy Claire and former Chair Donna Vanstrom upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition on March 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, CASA plans to continue to expand until all children who have suffered from abuse and neglect and live in foster care in Chautauqua County are matched with CASA volunteers who will help them navigate their experience in foster care until they are placed in safe, nurturing and permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, Judge Judy Claire brought the idea to Chautauqua County, arranged for the first meeting of a number of human services agencies in an effort to get the CASA program started in Chautauqua County, and has been a strong advocate and supporter throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Donna Vanstrom was one of the original 28 people who were part of the Planning Committee which formed CASA, served as a Board president, and was recognized as one of its outstanding volunteers; the

annual volunteer of the year award is named after Donna Vanstrom; and
WHEREAS, Judge Judy Claire and Donna Vanstrom have given not only of
their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and
leadership; 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
commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Chautauqua County Court Appointed
Special Advocates, and commending Judge Judy Claire and Donna Vanstrom
for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Chautauqua County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Judge
Judy Claire and Donna Vanstrom.