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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of 90 Miles Off Broadway

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to individuals and organizations that devote their time and energies to the cultural enrichment of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of 90 Miles Off Broadway community theater group of New Paltz, New York; this outstanding organization marked its golden milestone at its Annual 90 Miles Off Broadway Cabaret, Friday, March 14-Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the Reformed Church in New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, In addition, a special Children's Summer Theatre musical will be staged in July 2014, and a 50th Anniversary show in November 2014 will celebrate the past and salute the future of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Passionate in the belief that theatre is an essential part of a thriving community, the mission of 90 Miles Off Broadway is to provide affordable, worthwhile entertainment for adults and children alike; and

WHEREAS, 90 Miles off Broadway produces four shows a year, performing at venues throughout the community ranging from New Paltz and Highland high schools, to restaurants, churches, and even under a tent; and

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the founding members of 90 Miles Off Broadway put on their first play, "George Washington Slept Here," and regularly mounted American theatre standards such as "Guys and Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Hello, Dolly!"; recent fare includes "9-5:

The Musical," and a stage adaptation of Little Women; and

WHEREAS, The fledgling organization was originally housed at Duzine Elementary School and had the keys to New Paltz Central High School; and

WHEREAS, From its founding days to today, 90 Miles Off Broadway has been a vital part of the New Paltz community; its productions are regularly promoted and reviewed by the local media, and local schoolchildren regularly attend its performances and workshops; and

WHEREAS, As a volunteer, community-based group, 90 Miles Off Broadway's talented and hardworking members have both the challenge and the opportunity of fulfilling multiple roles within the organization, giving everyone involved the sense of pride of ownership that illustrates the strength of this enduring and beloved cultural institution; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the importance of the performing arts, which act to inspire, enlighten, and unify people from all cultural backgrounds through the transcendent power of human expression; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals and organizations whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment 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 50th Anniversary of 90 Miles Off Broadway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 90 Miles Off Broadway.