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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tom McDonnell, founder of the Enlightenment Literary Arts Center, for his distinguished service to the South Buffalo Community

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Tom McDonnell has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tom McDonnell, founder of the Enlightenment Literary Arts Center, for his distinguished service to the South Buffalo Community; and

WHEREAS, Enlightenment Literary Arts Center of South Buffalo, New York was established in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Tom McDonnell founded the organization with a mission to provide programs designed to develop life skills through reading with encouragement, facilitation, and education, while cultivating and supporting the reading and writing process; and

WHEREAS, Enlightenment Literacy Arts Center enhances the community by providing reading programs for children of all ages, as well as facilitating book clubs for adults and family literacy nights for parents and children to bond and learn together; and

WHEREAS, Truly committed to the South Buffalo Community, Tom McDonnell uses his own car and resources to deliver books to homebound individuals; these books are carefully chosen based on each person's likes and dislikes, and children's books are thoughtfully included for those with grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Enlightenment Literacy Arts Center works in conjunction with

schools, community programs, and centers to provide new and used books, creating a community of life-long readers in South Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the much needed repair of the building which is now home to the Enlightenment Literary Arts Center, Tom McDonnell and his exemplary organization have been instrumental in uniting the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tom McDonnell has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Tom McDonnell has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 commend Tom McDonnell, founder of the Enlightenment Literary Arts Center, for his distinguished service to the South Buffalo Community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom McDonnell.