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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Craig Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Disability Leadership Award by the Capital District Center for Independence, Inc. on April 24, 2014

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, Craig Thompson 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 honor Craig Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Disability Leadership Award by the Capital District Center for Independence, Inc., at its 17th Annual Celebration of Independence Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Polonaise Banquet and Conference Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Craig Thompson has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, After 35 years of dedication to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and 18 years as Five Rivers Center Director, Craig Thompson retired on June 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Through the countless programs and initiatives he fostered at Five Rivers, Craig Thompson has made a significant contribution to environmental education in the region, and in recent years, his vision has focused on increasing access to trails and ponds for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Craig Thompson's hard work, compassion, and tireless efforts

in making Five Rivers Environmental Education Center accessible to people with disabilities, resulted in two wheelchair accessible trails at the Center; braille, large print, and audio format guides are also available at the visitor center for each trail; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Craig Thompson 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 Craig Thompson 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 honor Craig Thompson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Disability Leadership Award by the Capital District Center for Independence, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Craig Thompson.