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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 358, Troy, New York, upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Person of the Year by the CYO-Troy Youth Association, Inc.

WHEREAS, Since 1775, when the Continental Congress named Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General, the United States Postal Service has served as an important bond which holds our Nation, and its people, together; and

WHEREAS, The vital work of the employees of the Troy Letter Carriers Branch 358 supports the growth of commerce, and most importantly, ensures the free flow of ideas and information which is so essential to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 358, Troy, New York, upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Person of the Year by the CYO-Troy Youth Association, Inc. to be celebrated at its 10th Annual William J. Pascarell Person of the Year Celebration on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at The Italian Community Center in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive is the outgrowth of a tradition of community service exhibited repeatedly by members of the Troy Letter Carriers; these carriers are in every neighborhood throughout our city six days a week, and are always involved when something has needed to be done, whether collecting funds for Muscular Dystrophy, watching over the elderly through the Carrier Alert Program, or rescuing victims of fires, crime, and other mishaps; and

WHEREAS, For over 22 years, on the second Saturday of May, letter carriers across the country have collected non-perishable food donations

from their customers, which are delivered directly to local food pantries in the neighborhoods they are collected from; the Troy Post Office restocks over a dozen pantries throughout the city every year, and for some, this one day drive is their biggest donation of the year; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, over 74 million pounds of food was collected nationally in one day, and one million collected in the Albany District alone with over 28 thousand pounds of that total being collected in the city of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Branch 358, representing Troy and other local city letter carriers, was one of the top 10 branches nationally for their size collecting over 320,400 pounds, all being returned to customers in their own community; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Letter Carriers Branch 358 has also been recognized nationally for their efforts raising money for The Muscular Dystrophy Association; for the past nine years, their branch has raised more funds than any other branch their size in the country, earning them national appearances on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Letter Carriers Branch 358 continue to raise even more funds with satchel drives, golf and bowling tournaments, Valley Cat nights, and the local favorite, the Troy Pub Crawl; and

WHEREAS, With their connection to every household and business in the city of Troy, the Troy Letter Carriers Branch 358 truly are a reflection of the kind of service the people of Troy exemplify when we all work together for a better community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, 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 the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 358, Troy, New York, upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Person of the Year by the CYO-Troy Youth Association, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 358, Troy, New York.