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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Zacharey Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as 2014 Person of the Year by the CYO-Troy Youth Association, Inc.

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, Zacharey Johnson has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Zacharey Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as 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, Born on March 16, 1998, in Saratoga Springs, New York, Zacharey Johnson, affectionately known as Zack, lived in Ballston Spa until moving to Troy at the age of seven; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional honor student, athlete and community leader, Zacharey Johnson has overcome many obstacles and challenges in his young life; he is committed to his team, he is a role model, exhibits good sportsmanship, is the first one to encourage his team members on and off the court, and is the first to reach out to other opponents to offer support; and

WHEREAS, Zacharey Johnson began playing sports at the age of four, when he played flag football for Ballston Spa Pop Warner, and took on the role of a leader by earning the position of quarterback; from this point on, he not only began to show leadership qualities, but excelled in the leadership role in all areas of his life; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Zacharey Johnson excelled in football and basketball and began to play on various teams in the Capital Region; he played youth basketball for St. Jude's in 3rd grade, and then turned to CYO-Troy Youth Organization Program from 4th grade on; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious middle and high school athletic career, Zacharey Johnson played modified basketball for Troy Middle School, and played corner and wide receiver for Troy High School Junior Varsity Football where they went undefeated in the 2013 season, winning the Superbowl; and

WHEREAS, The last three years, Zacharey Johnson has played with The Troy Cougar's AAU Basketball Program, and assists on other area teams such as The Raptors and Anaconda; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Zacharey Johnson is training for a quarterback position on the Varsity Football Team at Troy High School for this upcoming 2014 season; and

WHEREAS, Zacharey Johnson 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, He has assisted less fortunate families with delivering meals at the holidays, brought Christmas gifts for families in need, and has brought stuffed animals to the children in the hospital at St. Mary's Pediatric Unit in Troy; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Zacharey Johnson has volunteered with The Troy CYO Challenger Basketball Program, Capital District Pop Warner Challenger Football Program, North Colonie Pop Warner, and The Troy CYO Basketball Programs; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Zacharey Johnson became the first JDRF Youth Ambassador in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund in the North East, raising

awareness of this disease and raising a significant amount of funds for research with his "Team Getting Zack Back on Track"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Zacharey Johnson 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 Zacharey Johnson 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 Zacharey Johnson upon the occasion of his designation as 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 Zacharey Johnson.