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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter to be celebrated on May 31, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals and organizations whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter to be celebrated at its 28th Annual Gala on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter is a non-profit human service organization which provides advocacy and services for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in Oneida and Lewis counties; and

WHEREAS, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter is one of 55 chapters in the statewide NYSARC, Inc., the largest not-for-profit agency in the nation serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter was founded by a group of concerned parents who envisioned a rich, full life for their children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter helps individuals achieve their fullest potential in whatever their dreams or aspirations may be for the future; it provides a full spectrum of educational, vocational, employment, residential, family support, Medicaid service coordination, guardianship, respite care, recreational rehabilitation, day

habilitation, and senior and children's services to people with developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, In addition, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter is committed to increasing public awareness about the needs, rights, and most importantly, the abilities of the people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This worthy organization is staffed by over 775 professionals and serves over 1,650 individuals throughout Oneida and Lewis counties; and

WHEREAS, Its staff members are dedicated to providing the best services possible for all individuals with disabilities and to treat them with the dignity, respect and acceptance that is the right of every person; and

WHEREAS, As The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter celebrates its 60th Anniversary, it will continue to carry out its mission to enable persons with disabilities and their families to achieve their potential through self-determined goals in partnership with the agency; and

WHEREAS, The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter is extremely proud of its distinguished history and the fact that it has been a leader in providing the highest quality services in Oneida and Lewis counties for all people from birth through adulthood who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations which bring greater awareness to health issues, and assist people with developmental disabilities in their quest for dignity and independence, are a great benefit to the health and welfare of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and recognize The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter, which has led the way in providing education, habilitation, as well as jobs to individuals with disa-

bilities in the hopes of integrating them into the community for the past six decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 60th Anniversary of The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter to be celebrated on May 31, 2014; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Counties Chapter.