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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending GallopNYC upon the occasion of hosting its annual Ride With Pride Horse Show on June 15, 2014

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend GallopNYC upon the occasion of hosting its annual Ride With Pride Horse Show on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in Central Park, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, GallopNYC is a non-profit organization based in New York City which offers therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with such developmental disabilities as autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, and developmental, speech and language disorders; the organization also works with at-risk teens and children exposed to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Therapeutic horsemanship uses the pleasures and skills of horseback riding and knowledge of horses to build developmental, emotional, social, and physical skills for each individual rider; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of a PATH International certified instructor and supported by trained volunteers, this esteemed program helps each rider progressively acquire new riding abilities, as well as measurable improvements in life skills; and

WHEREAS, Through weekly sessions, GallopNYC helps riders walk, talk, connect, focus, behave, learn, and have fun; it also offers hippotherapy services; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 GallopNYC upon the occasion of hosting its annual Ride With Pride Horse Show; and be it further

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