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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Healthy Cafe Catering Company upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Ally of the Year Award by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those businesses within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Healthy Cafe Catering Company upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Ally of the Year Award by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network to be celebrated at its 16th Anniversary Gala Celebration, A Breakfast at Tiffany's GLSEN Formal Affair, on Friday, June 13, 2014, at the Washington Park Lake House, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1990, the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) has worked to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; as a local chapter, GLSEN focuses its efforts on the youth and educators of the eight counties surrounding the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, GLSEN of the New York Capital Region was founded by educators in the Capital Region nearly 20 years ago, when they saw the need to create safe spaces for LGBTQA Youth; this local group became officially part of The Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network nationally, late in 1997 and was accredited as the New York Capital Region Chapter in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Cafe Catering Company, an Albany, New York based business, is being honored with this auspicious award for their unwavering support of GLSEN's Safe Schools Advocacy Work in these eight coun-

ties of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the definition of Ally is to join a group or person to give or get support; the Healthy Cafe Catering Company, under the luminous direction of Betsy Manware, epitomizes this, as they have given GLSEN support in both the best and worst of times throughout the past 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Small Businesses such as the Healthy Cafe Catering Company exert a strong, positive influence on the communities they serve and are a crucial element in the economy of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and businesses of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Healthy Cafe Catering Company upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2014 Ally of the Year Award by the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Betsy Manware, Healthy Cafe Catering Company, Albany, New York.