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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany in partnership with the City School District of Albany upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement, which was celebrated at an Award Ceremony at the University at Albany, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed award honors University at Albany-community partnerships which are enhancing public well-being in the Capital Region and beyond; their community engagement is a collaboration between higher education institutions and external partners in the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources to address areas of public need; and

WHEREAS, For the past seven years, the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare and the City School District of Albany have collaborated on evaluations, grant writing and other technical assistance to support the district's systemic reform efforts; and

WHEREAS, A major achievement has been securing, implementing, and

evaluating a significant amount of funds in grant projects designed to better the education and support services to students and their families; with this funding, the district has restructured Albany High School into four theme-based magnet academies, and improved afterschool supports and enrichment programs for students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare and the City School District of Albany's collaboration has also helped strengthen data-driven decision making to improve programs and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1991, the Center for Human Services Research has addressed the needs of many agencies for evaluation research, information system design, and policy and program development; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Center for Human Services Research serves as the data support and evaluation team for The Albany Promise Cradle-to-Career Partnership, a cross-sector initiative involving hundreds of area leaders to improve educational outcomes for students in the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Center for Human Services Research Education Team, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany.