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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the profession of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

WHEREAS, The profession of speech-language pathology and audiology was enacted into law in New York State 40 years ago by Chapter 1055 of the Laws of 1974; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those who work diligently to improve the quality of life of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to applaud speech-language pathologists and audiologists as they observe and celebrate this occasion; and

WHEREAS, New York State recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in 10 families affected by them; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of New York State who have overcome communication disabilities through the services of dedicated speech-language pathologists and audiologists should be recognized for their accomplishments as well; and

WHEREAS, Speech-language pathology and audiology services throughout our state and nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association is proud and honored to represent the interests of the speech-language pathologists and audiologists offering quality services to New York State citizens; and

WHEREAS, The observance of the 40th Anniversary of the Profession of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in New York State provides an

opportunity to raise public awareness, knowledge and understanding of communication disorders, and for all citizens to recognize the achievements of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Profession of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in New York State; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association.