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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 23, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of citizens who have made significant contributions to the public wealth of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard's remarkable career of professional and personal service to her town, State and country warrants the recognition and commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award, to be celebrated at its Annual President's Award Dinner, at the Albany Marriott, Albany, New York, on Thursday, April 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Prior to earning a Master of Arts in Secondary Choral from Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1990, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan in 1981; and

WHEREAS, A third generation musician, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard followed in her family's footsteps and became a Choral Music Director; she held many different positions at several schools within the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, From 1995-1998, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard studied and completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, with a focus on curriculum and instruction within urban schools; she provided instructional and program leadership in university/school partnerships in urban communities in Ohio, including

Cleveland, Akron, Canton and Youngstown; and

WHEREAS, Yearning to provide exceptional leadership to underserved youths, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. strove to make students a focus and transform urban education; and

WHEREAS, For the next several years, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. held several different positions which emphasized metropolitan instruction, including Assistant Professor of Education, leader of both Professional Development and Regional School Improvement Services at the Ohio Department of Education, Director of Achievement Initiatives, Assistant Superintendent, and Executive Director for Educational Services; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. was promoted to the esteemed position of Deputy Superintendent at Paterson Public Schools, Paterson, New Jersey, a title she held until 2012; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. then moved to Albany, New York, where she was appointed Superintendent of the Albany City School District; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. understands the strengths and challenges of an urban school district such as Albany School District; she is committed to advancing academic excellence and high expectations for all students; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. is confident knowing that each and every educator and administrator must understand the critical role played in helping all students succeed; she also considers open and respectful dialogue to be founded on trust, and conflict negotiations are based on mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. has displayed throughout her life; she has exhibited the true spirit of

this esteemed award through her tireless dedication to the YMCA and her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 23, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Ph.D.