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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the New York Road Runners Organization for special recognition and upon the occasion of the successful organization of both the Uptown Games and the famous New York City Marathon

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the New York Road Runners Organization for special recognition and upon the occasion of the successful organization of both the Uptown Games and the famous New York City Marathon; and

WHEREAS, Known as the premier road running organization in the world, the New York Road Runners has been a driving force for health and fitness, contributing greatly to the City and State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York Road Runners, with its mission of encouraging New Yorkers to run, arranges many annual athletic events, including the famed New York City Marathon; the group is also dedicated to educating and motivating hundreds of thousands of students from New York, through programs such as "Young Runners," "Mighty Milers" and their youth jamborees, which promote physical fitness, character development and personal achievement in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, The New York Road Runners Organization holds its annual "Uptown Games" event, this year held March 28, 2015, a track and field training exercise for students of upper Manhattan, an area suffering from an above average childhood obesity rate, to teach the fun and importance of exercise and healthy living, in conjunction with schools in the community; and

WHEREAS, The New York Road Runners have touched the lives of so many

New Yorkers and athletes across America by providing a reason to run, and helping them to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an organization of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the New York Road Runners Organization for special recognition and upon the occasion of the successful organization of both the Uptown Games and the famous New York City Marathon; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York Road Runners Organization.