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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bryan LaVigne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Pride Center of the Capital Region's Community Center Award celebrated at the 2014 Pride Center Gala

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bryan LaVigne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Pride Center of the Capital Region's Community Center Award celebrated at the 2014 Pride Center Gala, on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the Hilton Albany, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center of the Capital Region is dedicated to serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community in the Capital Region; the Pride Center has been meeting their diverse needs since 1970; and

WHEREAS, The Pride Center holds an annual gala to raise needed funds for its fundamental youth and senior programs and services; and WHEREAS, Bryan LaVigne merited a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing/Management from Siena College and has also earned graduate credits from both Sage and Union Colleges; in 2003, he attended the Capital Leadership program; and

WHEREAS, Bryan LaVigne served as Chief Operating Officer at Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region for six years and for eight years he was the Executive Director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 2011, Bryan LaVigne has been the Director of Adminis-

tration and Development at the Fiscal Policy Institute; he manages its operations and fund development efforts; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bryan LaVigne is a member of the board or volunteers for many different organizations such as The Pride Center of the Capital Region, Music Mobile, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Capital Repertory Theater, Child's Nursing Home, Community Hospice, St. Mary's of Crescent, and Schenectady Light Opera; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bryan LaVigne upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Pride Center of the Capital Region's Community Center Award celebrated at the 2014 Pride Center Gala; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bryan LaVigne.