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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Debbie Peda upon the occasion of her designation as 2015 Individual Philanthropist of the Year by the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Debbie Peda upon the occasion of her designation as 2015 Individual Philanthropist of the Year by the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York, to be celebrated at its Gala Event, "An Evening to End Alzheimer's," on Friday, May 1, 2015, at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Peda has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Guilderland, New York, Debbie Peda has been a steadfast and dedicated member of the Walk to End Alzheimer's

Planning Committee since her mother, the late Carol Capozucco, was diagnosed with the disease in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, at the 2014 Capital Region Walk, Debbie Peda's team, Team CarolCap, raised significant funds, giving them the sixth highest fundraising total; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Debbie Peda has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Gregory, and their two children, Gabriela and Brandon, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Debbie Peda has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Debbie Peda upon the occasion of her designation as 2015 Individual Philanthropist of the Year by the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debbie Peda.