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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Patricia Dingley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Patricia Dingley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council to be celebrated at its Semi-Annual Meeting and Head Start 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, in Albany, New York; and WHEREAS, Patricia Dingley, affectionately known as Trisha, is a long-time employee and former parent of CEO's Head Start program in Rensselaer County; in 1981, her daughter began attending the CEO program in Troy, New York; during this time, she received a supportive environment necessary to help care for her daughter, and continue her career as an in-home child care provider; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Trisha Dingley participated on the Policy Council as a parent, and went on to accept a position as a health aide for the CEO Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, As her career began to develop with CEO Head Start, in 1990, Trisha Dingley received her first Child Development Associate (CDA) credential to teach preschoolers, and her second CDA in infants and toddlers in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Trisha Dingley's successful 31-year career with CEO Head Start is deeply rooted in her outstanding experience as a Head Start parent; she credits the program as a remarkable resource for the families and children it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals in the teaching profession who distinguish themselves in their dedication and commitment to their students; and WHEREAS, Trisha Dingley has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the CEO Head Start, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Trisha Dingley has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Patricia Dingley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Head Start Distinguished Service Award by the Capital District Child Care Council on April 22, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Dingley.