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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Donna Sowle 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 Donna Sowle 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, In September 1991, Donna Sowle began her illustrious career in the SCEOC Galway classroom as an Assistant Teacher, and has been a constant presence ever since; she is an outstanding skilled teacher whose gentle and nurturing manner has touched the lives of over 500 children; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sowle has been instrumental in keeping close track of Galway families, and regularly announces when one of her students graduates from high school, college, or attains another important achievement; she also spends her time and energies recruiting and helping parents enroll their children in the Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, Donna Sowle's dedication to children and her community is evident in her personal life outside of Head Start; highlights of her impressive community service include: Chairperson of Galway Youth Commission; Director of Galway Youth Referral Service; former super-

intendent of Galway Methodist Sunday School; former director of Summer Recreation Program; former officer of Galway PTSA; and current First Vice President of Galway Lioness; and

WHEREAS, Always willing to help those need, Donna Sowle is a highly respected role model who encourages others to do the same; 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, Donna Sowle 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, Donna Sowle 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 Donna Sowle 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 Donna Sowle.