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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Charles Ruffin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his outstanding performance while volunteering at the Albany City Mission by Living Resources

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals with disabilities merit our recognition as they realize goals that serve to lift barriers and expand choices for all persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Charles Ruffin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his outstanding performance while volunteering at the Albany City Mission by Living Resources, to be celebrated at its 2015 Spring Awards Ceremony, on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the Village of Colonie Family Center, Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious honor recognizes adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, such as Charles Ruffin, for their achievement at mastering academic, independence, and work readiness performance skills; and

WHEREAS, For his hard work and determination, Charles Ruffin is being recognized for his outstanding performance while volunteering at the Albany City Mission; and

WHEREAS, At Living Resources, its staff of more than 650, assist and support people who are disabled due to birth trauma, accident or illness; more importantly, the dedicated staff appreciates each person's individual strengths, and capabilities, allowing them to be the best they can be; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization provides individualized life enhancing opportunities to persons with disabilities through volunteerism, education and enrichment activities in their communities, some of which are: over 60 residential housing arrangements, day opportunities, arts,

community volunteering through Living Resources' Rotaract Club, supported employment, after school programs, counseling services, services to persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, in home support to families, and services to persons with Traumatic Brain Injury; and WHEREAS, In addition, Living Resources also provides access to a Home Health Agency and a Licensed Home Care Services Agency which specialize in serving people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals whose extraordinary spirit and determination are an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Charles Ruffin is a role model for many who face similar obstacles which he has faced and overcome; holding steadfast to his dream of independence, he accomplished his goals and made his vision a reality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Charles Ruffin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for his outstanding performance while volunteering at the Albany City Mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Ruffin.