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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Commission on Economic Opportunity Customers and Volunteers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Community Action Impact Awards on May 21, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Commission on Economic Opportunity Customers and Volunteers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Community Action Impact Awards, to be celebrated at its Community Action Luncheon on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) was formed in 1965 as a private non-profit Community Action Agency; today there are over 1,100 Community Action Agencies across the country which were created after Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, CEO creates partnerships and develops opportunities for social and economic growth and empowerment in individuals, families and communities through its five core areas:

Family and Education Support, Early Childhood Education, Employment and Financial Education, Healthy Homes, and Health and Wellness; and

WHEREAS, CEO Customers and Volunteers are receiving this auspicious award in recognition of those who have faced economic hardships and yet, with the right resources and conviction of spirit, have risen above and made positive changes in their lives and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, CEO Customers and Volunteers have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Commission on Economic Opportunity is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Customers and Volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which CEO Customers and Volunteers have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 the Commission on Economic Opportunity Customers and Volunteers upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Community Action Impact Awards on May 21, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Commission on Economic Opportunity Customers and Volunteers.