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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the success of the Catskill Recreation Center's inaugural year serving the community

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New York seeks to acknowledge those individuals and organizations whose service to their community helps to enhance the stature of their community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and WHEREAS, The Gould Family conceived of developing the Catskill Recreation Center as a community center for the Northern and Central Catskills region, and with their generous support, this vision was realized on June 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In their first year in operation, the Catskill Recreation Center has offered an extensive variety of programs to the region in the areas of fitness, wellness, nutrition, and swimming, promoting both healthy community activities and events for all ages; and WHEREAS, The Catskill Recreation Center consists of a six-lane lap pool, family pool, fully equipped fitness center, and classroom, amenities that have helped to attract a membership of more than 600 persons as well as providing more than 30 jobs within the greater community; and WHEREAS, Also vital to the organization's programming, the Catskill Recreation Center has become an American Red Cross training facility, with staff teaching swim lessons, lifeguarding and the basic life support for health care providers; and WHEREAS, The Catskill Recreation Center, in only a short amount of time, has demonstrated hard work, leadership, compassion and dedication to service within the Northern and Central Catskills, contributing to the early success of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Through the tireless efforts of the staff and director, the Catskill Recreation Center continues to significantly contribute to the overall quality of life and well-being of the people of the region; and WHEREAS, The Catskill Recreation Center, already planning for the future, envisions strengthening community partnerships and programs for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in our society have earned the recognition and respect of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the success of the Catskill Recreation Center's inaugural year and to recognize their unceasing dedication to the community, along with best wishes for their continued success; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Catskill Recreation Center.