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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Erika Groff upon the occasion of her being designated for special recognition by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Erika Groff upon the occasion of her being designated for special recognition for her achievements by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at its Resourceful Women's Luncheon Awards on September 30, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1855, the YWCA was created with the intention of being a safe place for women to improve their lives; over the years, it has assisted countless female members of the community in reaching their goals and maintaining self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Today, the YWCA has 25 million members in 122 countries working every day to fulfill the organization's mission of "eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all"; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region has held its Resourceful Women's Luncheon Awards to honor those whose community and professional pursuits advance the empowerment of women, as well as individuals who represent the spirit of determination that defines the women of the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, Erika Groff is being recognized for her tireless efforts in making a difference as an entrepreneur through her work on the front line as a Chief Household Officer; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Erika Groff has displayed throughout her life; 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 Erika Groff upon the occasion of her being designated for special recognition by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Erika Groff.