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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending STRIDE Adaptive Sports upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Annual Wounded Warrior Snowfest, March 3-6, 2016

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 that 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 commend STRIDE Adaptive Sports upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Annual Wounded Warrior Snowfest to be held from March 3-6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A positive recreation experience can restore the mind, body, and soul and is a force in the rehabilitation process; STRIDE Adaptive Sports has partnered with the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project to sponsor the event; and

WHEREAS, A Welcome Banquet will be held for the guest Warriors and 350 members of the community on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York, with WNYT news anchor Phil Bayly serving as this year's Emcee; in addition, the Mendelssohn Club of Albany, the Schenectady Pipe Band, and La Salle Institute Color Guard are the 2016 musical entertainment; and

WHEREAS, With the support of STRIDE's adaptive equipment and teaching methods, the Warriors and their families will enjoy two days of skiing and snowboarding at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, Hancock, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, For its 11th anniversary, 15 alumni Warriors will reunite and join 26 new Wounded Warrior participants to celebrate the progress and

triumphs made possible through STRIDE's therapeutic Wounded Warrior programs; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, STRIDE Adaptive Sports has been dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through recreational and athletic activities; throughout its 11 years of service to Wounded Warriors, this vital organization has transformed the lives of veterans through a variety of adaptive sports activities, a supportive community, and an innovative mentoring program which pairs recently injured veterans with youths who have similar disabilities; and

WHEREAS, STRIDE Adaptive Sports stands behind its mission that no one should be left behind because of a disability; it is possible to remove boundaries, fulfill dreams, enhance self-esteem, and empower youth with disabilities through participation in sport and fun activities; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend STRIDE Adaptive Sports upon the occasion of hosting its 11th Annual Wounded Warrior Snowfest, March 3-6, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to STRIDE Adaptive Sports and the Wounded Warrior Snowfest Event Committee.