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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ryan M. Silva upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 21, 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 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ryan M. Silva upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Capital District YMCA President's Award to be celebrated at its Annual President's Award Dinner, on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Albany Marriott, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Silva graduated from the College of St. Rose in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Communications, and a concentration in History and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Silva worked for 10 years at the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce in Troy, New York, starting as Membership Manager and rising through the ranks to the position of Director of Business Development and Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Ryan was appointed to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's New York State Health Benefit Advisory Committee to help build and establish the New York State Insurance Exchange; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Ryan M. Silva was appointed Deputy Director of the Regional Economic Development Councils for Empire State Development and New York State; in this role, he was responsible for overseeing the

entire organizational process, and worked closely with its 10 offices and the Economic Development Councils to help businesses start-up, expand, and relocate in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as Deputy Director, this esteemed public servant was appointed Vice President of Regional Economic Development for Empire State Development in July of 2015; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Ryan M. Silva works directly with Regional Directors on Project Origination and Incentive Proposals, and maintains close contact with IDA's, Chambers, municipalities and other key economic development agents; he also ably serves as Policy Lead for the New York State Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Silva has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he has volunteered at many non-profit organizations including the National Kidney Foundation, the Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County, the Boy Scouts of America/Twin Rivers Council, and Questar III/BOCES; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ryan M. Silva currently serves as Board Chair for the Troy YMCA, and is a member of both the Capital District YMCA Board of Directors and the Board of The College of Saint Rose Associates; he was also recently appointed to the A.R.C. of Rensselaer County Foundation Board in 2013; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding service, Ryan M. Silva was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Bronze Level Award from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ryan M. Silva has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ryan M. Silva has displayed over the years; he has exhibited the true spirit of this esteemed award through

his tireless dedication to the YMCA and his community; now, therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor Ryan M. Silva upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of
the Capital District YMCA President's Award on April 21, 2016; and be it
further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Ryan M. Silva.