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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Islettes' Elite Majorettes upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Organization by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals 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 Islettes' Elite Majorettes have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Islettes' Elite Majorettes upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Organization by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at Byblos Niagara Resort and Spa in Grand Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Citizen of the Year Award is presented annually to businesses and individuals whose contributions have made Grand Island, New York, a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, A faith-based dance twirl team, the Islettes' Elite Majorettes, has celebrated 30 years of excellence in artistic sport performance; its members range in age from two up, and learn Christian sportsmanship, team spirit, athleticism, showmanship, rhythm, responsibility and confidence; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Islettes' Elite Majorettes is to perform at local, state and regional parades and events in order to build character and community while teaching valuable life lessons to children; they proudly carry the Grand Island name across the United States of America;

and

WHEREAS, Three-time-honored performers at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, the Islettes' Elite Majorettes are also past recipients of Walt Disney Twirl Mania Corps and Team Championships; its members have competed at the National Championships in Indiana, and they have won 17 out of 20 National titles; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Islettes' Elite Majorettes and Director, Heidi Sue McCormick, were honored upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Twirling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, more than 200 twirlers and percussionists have participated as members in the Islettes' Elite Majorettes family-oriented organization; alumni have gone on to perform at national sporting events and as featured college twirlers, receiving numerous scholarships; some have even gone on to become coaches themselves; and

WHEREAS, The Islettes' Elite Majorettes have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; they have been recognized for their generosity and for their promotion of community events; and

WHEREAS, The Islettes' Elite Majorettes put in many hours of practice throughout the year while also completing many hours of community service and maintaining honors grades; all staff members are volunteers, and are lifelong Grand Island residents who have grown up as members of the team; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, the Islettes' Elite Majorettes have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Islettes' Elite Majorettes upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award for Organization by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; and be it further  
RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Director, Heidi Sue McCormick, and to the members of the Islettes' Elite Majorettes.