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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mark and Terri Little upon the occasion of being named a 2016 Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark and Terri Little upon the occasion of being named a 2016 Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Terri Little have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; the couple was chosen to receive this auspicious award in recognition of their contributions to children's health, safety and wellness; and

WHEREAS, For nearly 30 years, Mark and Terri Little have worked tirelessly to make their adopted hometown of Schenectady, New York, a better place to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Mark Little, who retired in 2015 from his position as Chief Technology Officer at GE and leader of GE Global Research in Niskayuna, and Terri Little, a former teacher with a long history of involvement with local nonprofit organizations, are now focusing on improving access to education and housing through their Little Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, Mark and Terri Little support countless local initiatives including the Schenectady Free Health Clinic, SAFE Inc., Bethesda House, Ellis Hospital, United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls, Inc., Proctors, and Concerned for the Hungry; and

WHEREAS, Terri Little, who serves as a board member at SAFE Inc. and the Schenectady Foundation, is a classroom volunteer at a Schenectady school; additionally, Mark was recently selected to lead Schenectady's Smart City Advisory Commission, charged with utilizing technology to improve the quality of life in the city; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Mark and Terri Little's passion for providing help and support for the children, adults and families of Schenectady and the Capital Region has extended to the next generation, as their two adult children have taken on active roles in the family foundation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mark and Terri Little have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Mark and Terri Little have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Mark and Terri Little upon the occasion of being named a 2016

Champion for Children of the Capital Region by Northern Rivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark and Terri Little.