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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Shannon Sommer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Women Who Move the City Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County

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 Shannon Sommer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Women Who Move the City Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at Buffalo RiverWorks; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Sommer 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, A true asset to her community, Shannon Sommer has been a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County since May of 2014; she also serves as a volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement of Western New York, where she teaches children about entrepreneurship, financial literacy and work readiness; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Shannon Sommer spends countless hours volunteering with Blessed Sacrament Parish in Tonawanda, and the Alzheimer's Association; her passion for giving back to the local community is truly inspiring; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Sommer resides in Tonawanda with her husband, Jon; she has worked as an underwriter in Lawley's employee benefits division for nearly five years, where she analyzes medical and pharmacy claims for clients, and works to help them understand their health plan performance while managing healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Shannon Sommer 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 Shannon Sommer 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 Shannon Sommer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Women Who Move the City Award by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shannon Sommer.