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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American Diabetes Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Annual Tour de Cure on June 4, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those organizations which work to serve the health care needs of citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the American Diabetes Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Annual Tour de Cure in Niagara Falls, New York, on Saturday, June 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Founded by 26 physicians in 1941, the American Diabetes Association has diligently worked to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by this disease; for three decades, it remained an organization for health care professionals; in 1970, the Association welcomed general members, and in the years since, it has grown to include a network of more than one million volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Buffalo Niagara Tour de Cure provides an excellent opportunity for the American Diabetes Association to bring greater awareness to this health issue which affects millions of New Yorkers and Americans; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1991, Tour de Cure riders have raised significant funds to help advance its mission and move us closer towards the ultimate goal to Stop Diabetes!; and

WHEREAS, The Tour de Cure is more than just a cycling event, it is a day packed with excitement and energy where riders of all levels join forces in the fight to Stop Diabetes! and raise critical funds for diabetes research, education and advocacy in support of the American

Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 25 year history, the Tour de Cure has grown from five pilot sites to 44 states nationwide; today, the tour attracts 61,000 cyclists annually, raising millions of dollars for diabetes prevention and research, and to advocate for those diagnosed with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Through the steadfast and committed efforts of the American Diabetes Association, the number of incidences of diabetes complications dramatically improved from 1990-2010; and

WHEREAS, In the last quarter century, major progress has been made in diabetic research including the introduction of long-acting insulin, medication which lowers elevated blood sugar in patients with type 2 diabetes, and advancements in treatments to prevent blindness in people with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of the American Diabetes Association in providing excellence in care through prevention, education and treatment, and its evident commitment to this mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Diabetes Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Annual Tour de Cure on June 4, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Diabetes Association.