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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Latino Cultural Heritage Festival on July 17, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those events which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of the cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to this concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Latino Cultural Heritage Festival on Sunday, July 17, 2016, in Monticello, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2014, the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County is a grassroots organization of individuals who come together to advocate for services for the Latino community within Sullivan County; and WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, this vital organization serves the community by providing representation, advocacy and referral with regard to educational, legal, medical, housing, and other issues facing Latinos in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, The Latino Alliance of Sullivan County also encourages Latinos to become involved in their local communities and actively participate in improving them; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging working towards English proficiency, the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County believes assimilation into American society while maintaining cultural distinctions and identity is possible and beneficial; and

WHEREAS, Latinos of all nationalities in the United States have a

proud heritage, and have been, and will continue to be valuable contributors to American society; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County upon the occasion of hosting its 1st Annual Latino Cultural Heritage Festival on July 17, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County.