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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of sponsoring the First Annual Community Health Fair on June 4, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of sponsoring the First Annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at St. Martin De Porres Roman Catholic Church, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A sophomore at Frederick Law Olmsted High School, Brandon Barksdale has been involved in Scouting for nine years, and is currently working towards Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; to achieve this momentous honor, he must plan, develop and execute a community service project; and

WHEREAS, A caring and compassionate young man, Brandon Barksdale decided to dedicate his Eagle Project to his 15 year-old nephew, Jihad Moore, who was diagnosed with stage 3A Hodgkin's Lymphoma on December 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, Jihad Moore has been receiving chemotherapy treatments, and is currently waiting on the results of his scan before beginning radiation; and

WHEREAS, Concerned for his nephew, Brandon Barksdale embarked on a mission to organize a community health fair which would offer residents free health screenings and mammograms, and help raise awareness about various health issues; in addition, he is hoping many people will generously donate blood to the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community including the 2015 Youth Award by the NAACP of Buffalo, the 2015 Scout of the Year Award by the Boy Scouts of Buffalo, and the 2012 Youth of the Year Award by the St. Martin De Porres Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his devotion to others, Brandon Barksdale represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Brandon Barksdale upon the occasion of sponsoring the First Annual Community Health Fair on June 4, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brandon Barksdale.