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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst which 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 and organizations 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 commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State is a broad-based, multi-service organization with 24 Affiliates and 18,000 employees providing support, services and programs for nearly 100,000 individuals with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, through its Metro Services, Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State also offers support and services for people with an array of physical and/or developmental disabilities in all five Boroughs of New York City; and

WHEREAS, Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State was founded in 1946, by parents of children with cerebral palsy seeking services who envisioned the organization to be their advocate; it became a statewide, grassroots movement of families who started local organizations and enlisted volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The families who founded Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State and its Affiliates rallied the support of doctors, educators,

therapists and other specialists as well as government officials, each of whom played a key role in the development and growth of this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1970s, with the closing of developmental centers such as Willowbrook, and the deinstitutionalization of individuals with developmental disabilities, voluntary organizations such as Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State began providing direct services to these individuals, with a strong belief that these services should be community based; and

WHEREAS, Today, thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities and their families are part of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, and despite its growth the organization has not abandoned its original commitment to advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State continue to work with people with disabilities, their families, employees and others in communities across the state to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 70 year history, Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State is in direct correlation to the efforts of its employees, 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 sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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

commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.