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Senate Resolution No. 4083

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of The Arc of Schuyler in Watkins Glen, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Legislative Body to recognize those established organizations within our communities that, year after year, diligently work to improve the quality of life for its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of The Arc of Schuyler in Watkins Glen, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Schuyler is a private, not-for-profit organization providing support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Schuyler is a chapter of The Arc New York., the largest not-for-profit organization working with and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York State, and is a member of The Arc of the United States; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 1978, a courageous group of family members and friends of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities founded The Arc of Schuyler; from its modest beginning, it has become

the most comprehensive provider of support to hundreds of people with developmental disabilities and their families in Schuyler County; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Schuyler is an advocacy agency which truly believes that all people have the fundamental moral, civic, and constitutional rights to live, learn, and work in safe and respectful communities of their choosing without prejudice; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer Board of Directors, including relatives of persons with a developmental disability and dedicated community leaders, continue to provide their experience and insight to ensure the rights of people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Schuyler urges all citizens to support its diligent efforts of empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in its communities; and

WHEREAS, The success of The Arc of Schuyler is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Executive Director, Jeannette Frank, and her staff, 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 institution 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 40th Anniversary of The Arc of Schuyler in Watkins Glen,
New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be
transmitted to Jeannette Frank, Executive Director, The Arc of Schuyler.