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Senate Resolution No. 5882

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

COMMENDING Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated with an event in October of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Since 1958, Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center has been saving lives and improving the quality of life within the communities it serves; for six decades, this vital non-profit organization has strived to help youth, adults and families become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive; and

WHEREAS, Adult & Teen Challenge is a nine-month residential

treatment program for men, women and married couples caught in the vicious cycle of drug and alcohol addiction; and

WHEREAS, The Center also cares for individuals dealing with mental health diagnosis and those who have been victims of abuse or abandonment, and many more issues; and

WHEREAS, With over 261 centers nationwide, Adult & Teen Challenge is currently the biggest recovery program of its kind, diligently working to combat the opioid epidemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Teen Challenge has made life a little bit better for thousands of clients by giving them a purpose, helping them achieve a vision and fulfill their destiny; the Center truly makes the world a better place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, The success of Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President, Don Wilkerson, and his 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 commend Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Don Wilkerson, President, Teen Challenge Inc. Life Training Center.