

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Junior Achievement of Western New York for its participation in Financial Literacy Month

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Junior Achievement of Western New York for its participation in Financial Literacy Month; and

WHEREAS, Financial Literacy Month is recognized throughout the United States in April of each year in an effort to highlight the importance of financial literacy and teach Americans how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits; and

WHEREAS, Many of the country's financial institutions and nonprofit financial educational organizations promote Financial Literacy Month by holding promotional events and creating educational materials that center around effectively handling money and dealing with debt; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement USA is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future and make smart academic and economic choices; its purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement USA reaches more than four million students per year; its programs are taught by volunteers in inner cities, suburbs, and rural areas throughout the United States, in more than 120 area offices in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement of Western New York actively participates in Financial Literacy Month; its "JA Economics for Success" provides instruction in concepts and skills to middle-grade students via a series of six activities; this self-contained kit includes activity plans for the volunteer and materials for 32 students; and

WHEREAS, Through its "JA Economics for Success," Junior Achievement of Western New York reinforces skills through interactive, take-home multimedia techniques including a CD-ROM supplement and a newsletter with directions to complete an online career assessment; and

WHEREAS, Junior Achievement of Western New York enhances values which include: belief in the boundless potential of young people; passion for honesty, integrity, and excellence; belief in the power of partnership and collaboration; commitment to the principles of market-based economics and entrepreneurship; conviction in the educational and motivational impact of relevant, hands-on learning and respect for the talents, creativity, perspectives, and backgrounds of all individuals; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Junior Achievement of Western New York; 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 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 honor Junior Achievement of Western New York for its participation in Financial Literacy Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Junior Achievement of Western New York.