LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rita Cao-Garcia for special recognition for her achievements as Project Leader for Community Art at the Troy City School District Alternative Learning Program by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those who, by achieving outstanding success in their educational endeavors, have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rita Cao-Garcia for special recognition for her achievements as Project Leader for Community Art at the Troy City School District Alternative Learning Program by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc., celebrated at its Resourceful Women's Awards Luncheon, held at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, New York, on Wednesday, September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. was created with the intention of being a safe place for women to launch a new start; through their continued determination, the YWCA is able to assist these women in reaching their goals and being able to maintain self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. works every day to live up to their mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, The first YWCA was founded in 1855, and since that time, the organization has grown to over 25 million members in 122 countries; in the United States alone, the YWCA has over 2 million members and 300 local associations; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. has held an award ceremony to honor individuals whose community and professional pursuits advance the empowerment of women, and whose spirit of determination defines the women of the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Rita Cao-Garcia, Project Leader for Community Art at the Troy City School District Alternative Learning Program, for her commitment and contributions to the Greater Capital Region and to its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Rita Cao-Garcia has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rita Cao-Garcia for special recognition for her achievements as Project Leader for Community Art at the Troy City School District Alternative Learning Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rita Cao-Garcia.