

**BY:** Senator MARCHIONE

**COMMENDING** Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Dinner and Auction on April 27, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Dinner and Auction to be celebrated on Thursday, April 27, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Girls Incorporated (Inc.) is a non-profit organization committed to helping young women build the skills and capabilities necessary to become responsible, confident and self-sufficient adults; and

**WHEREAS,** Hosted by Honorary Co-Chairs Cora and Helga A. Schroeter, this annual event is a fundraising gala to help Girls Inc. continue to provide free, after-school programs which seek to enhance girls' self-esteem, overcome economic and gender barriers, help them make proud choices and stand up to peer pressure; and

**WHEREAS,** With the help of the community, this esteemed organization is proud to introduce its young women to explorations of high technology, STEM-related career fields, inspiring them to achieve success in areas they may not have previously considered; and

**WHEREAS,** Parents have come to rely on the safety of Girls Inc. for their daughters after school and during school breaks and summer vacation; the program provides a safe and supportive learning environment with a commitment to ending bullying; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2005, Girls Inc. of the Capital Region impacted over 25,000 youth; initiatives for the future include launching more cooperative projects with schools and establishing collaborative ventures with other community organizations and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** In so effectively carrying out its mission, Girls Inc. has enriched the lives of young women in the community; for 80 years, this vital organization has inspired all girls to be strong, smart and bold, empowering girls to develop into women who can take their places in society and can make their places in society; 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 Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region upon the occasion of hosting its 28th Annual Dinner and Auction on April 27, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region.