

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 20th Anniversary of Jawonio of
Yonkers, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Jawonio of Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, Jawonio has served the residents of the Hudson Valley of the State of New York by providing lifespan services for individuals with developmental disabilities, behavioral health challenges, and chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, Jawonio is an indigenous word which means independence; the organization helps children and adults reach their fullest personal potential and supports them to be as independent as possible, beginning at a very early age; and

WHEREAS, The core values belonging to Jawonio include honesty and integrity, compassion and respect, positive attitudes, and inclusion; this vital organization is dedicated to preserving and upholding the dignity and value of all people, and do so by communicating in an open and ethical manner, respecting diversity, encouraging collaboration, and creating a positive work environment; and

WHEREAS, Jawonio has a plethora of programs and opportunities available to the individuals they serve, including education services, habilitation services, resource centers, personalized recovery-oriented services, vocational training and job placement, and more; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Jawonio for their commendable commitment to their community; effectively carrying out its important mission, Jawonio has demonstrated the value of supporting individuals with disabilities, behavioral health challenges, and chronic medical needs for two decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Jawonio of Yonkers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jawonio of Yonkers, New York.