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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Pietrosfight.org upon the occasion of hosting its Fight Night event on March 7, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Pietrosfight.org upon the occasion of hosting its Fight Night event on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pietrosfight.org is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds to help find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, This crucial organization was founded by Manni and Dayna Scarso in 2012, after they learned their 3-year-old son, Pietro, was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is the most common and lethal childhood genetic disorder in the world, affecting one in every 3,500 male births; most patients are confined to a wheelchair by the time they are 12 years of age, and succumb to the disease in their late teens due to respiratory complications; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is no acceptable treatment or cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming unimaginable adversity, Dayna and Manni Scarso were determined to save Pietro and the thousands of boys like him by establishing a foundation focused on searching for and funding Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy research that will ultimately cure this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, The funds raised by Pietrosfight.org help to support the most promising research programs aimed at treating and curing Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, For the first time since the discovery of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, there is hope to find a cure for this destructive disease in time to save Pietro Scarso and many other boys and their families; and WHEREAS, Exhibiting the same indomitable spirit as his parents, Pietro Scarso looks beyond his own struggles and pain, focusing his energies on how he can help others; he recently received the No. 1 Sharer Award in his nursery school program because if someone falls, he is right there to wipe their tears and pick them up; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels to support and protect our youth, our most precious resource, as well as their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Pietrosfight.org upon the occasion of hosting its Fight Night event on March 7, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause further to urge the FDA to move expeditiously to approve new drugs in order to effectuate a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Manni and Dayna Scarso, Pietrosfight.org.