

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, A.D.**

*Hereby Certify that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris teaches first and second grades at Trinity Christian School in West Seneca, and;*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris has two daughters, Lacey and Nakiys, and;*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris recognized that there were many children in our community in need of a home, so she opened her heart and home and became a therapeutic foster care provider and adoptive parent, and;*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris adopted Lacey when she was 6 years old, and she adopted Nakiya when she was 9 years old, and;*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris has spent nearly 15 years helping families and youth, making the bold decision to become a single adoptive parent and welcome the young girls into a forever home from a therapeutic foster care environment, and;*

*WHEREAS, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption Gala seeks to bring awareness to the millions of children around the globe living without a loving family to call their own, and;*

*WHEREAS, Angels in Adoption honors individuals, couples, and organizations from across the nation that have made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of families, and;*

*WHEREAS, Christine Harris's advocacy and education regarding the many needs of foster care in the country, along with providing therapeutic foster care, are part of the many reasons she was chosen to receive this year's Angles in Adoption Award.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to honor Christine Harris for her tireless work and dedication to child welfare issues.***

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Joseph C. Lorigo  
Majority Leader  
10<sup>th</sup> District Legislator

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Karen M. McCarthy  
Clerk of the Legislature