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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Patricia Perry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gail Patricia Perry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the organization's 40th Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Gail Patricia (Pat) Perry was a young woman in her first apartment when she encountered a pair of community organizers contacting tenants in her building on South Pearl Street in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The natural inquisitiveness of Pat Perry stimulated her to become involved in open community meetings at Providence House in Albany, New York, and to contact other tenants in their apartments; and

WHEREAS, Pat Perry's quiet leadership activities resulted in becoming a member of the initial board of directors of the United Tenants of Albany; in this capacity, she participated in meetings with tenant organizations in New York City and other upstate cities on statewide issues; and

WHEREAS, It was a natural progression for Pat Perry to also become one of the initial staff members of United Tenants of Albany in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Pat Perry became an employee of the New York State Office of Court Administration; she purchased her own home in Albany, New York, and developed a unique collection of African art; and

WHEREAS, The progression of Pat Perry from a curious tenant to a community leader to a career civil servant and homeownership dramatically reflects the beneficial changes that occurred in Albany, New York, during the existence of the United Tenants of Albany over the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gail Patricia Perry has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Gail Patricia Perry has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Patricia Perry upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Patricia Perry.