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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gladys Walker upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Sullivan County Community Action Commission to Help the Economy

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gladys Walker upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to the Sullivan County Community Action Commission to Help the Economy; and

WHEREAS, For almost four decades, Gladys Walker rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Sullivan County Community Action Commission to Help the Economy (CACHE), earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Walker began working for CACHE in 1974 as a clerk and has worked in several different capacities ranging from Case Worker to Board Member; she will retire from the esteemed position of Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, A true advocate for the poor, Gladys Walker has worked tirelessly to offer battered women and men support, as well as a safe place to stay; during her time with the organization, CACHE created a domestic violence program, the food pantry expanded to serve thousands, and a thrift shop was established; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gladys Walker worked as a parent aide in an effort to mediate family disputes and keep children out of the foster care system; parenting classes were offered, and a 24-hour hotline and domestic violence education and prevention services were later estab-

lished; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Walker has received countless regional awards and accolades for her leadership and advocacy within Sullivan County, and this month, Community Unity named her one of its Community Heroes; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, upon her retirement, a room at CACHE will be renamed The Gladys Walker Resource and Conference Center in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Gladys Walker over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gladys Walker upon the occasion of her retirement after 39 years of distinguished service, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gladys Walker.