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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Nora Moran upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Nora Moran upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month 2014 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made invaluable contributions to the growth and strength of New York State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the State of New York officially sets aside time to recognize the achievements and lives of such exemplary women, representatives of the wide-ranging and vital roles women have played in the historic development of this great Empire State and its communities; the theme of this year's commemoration is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"; and

WHEREAS, Nora Moran, in her triumph over the struggles of her past, and invaluable work with Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, epitomizes the values of character, courage, and commitment in her unwavering service to her clients, her peers, and her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nora Moran was incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in Westchester County for ten years, but made the impressive and life-affirming decision to use that time well; committed to getting her life on track, she earned a bachelor's degree while in prison

through a program offered by Marymount Manhattan College, one of the few such programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Upon her release from Bedford Hills in 2008, Nora Moran moved to Harlem, New York, and began to work for Puppies Behind Bars, a nonprofit she worked with while in prison which enlists inmates to train service dogs; and

WHEREAS, A motivated and compassionate young woman, Nora Moran started out as an administrative assistant and now works as the director of Puppies Behind Bars' Dog Tags program, which places service dogs with war veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Nora Moran also gives hope to others behind bars, returning to Bedford Hills two times per week to instruct inmates on training for Puppies Behind Bars; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service to her community and the State of New York, Nora Moran has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Nora Moran and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nora Moran upon the occasion of being honored in conjunction with Women's History Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nora Moran.