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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc.

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 commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, This March, Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland will be participating in the annual national March for Meals campaign, a month-long event sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of America, designed to generate public awareness about senior hunger and to celebrate the invaluable services provided by Senior Nutrition Programs across the country; this effort includes Community Champions Week, March 17-21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by providing sustenance and support to seniors in need for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1974 a group of dedicated volunteers associated with the National Council of Jewish Women started a meal delivery program for the homebound out of the basement of founder and former Executive Rochelle Berger's home; and

WHEREAS, Four decades later, that program has evolved into Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc., and today it offers seniors much more than a meal; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland is a comprehensive not-for-profit agency with a staff of more than 80 employees, and over 600 volunteers; it has delivered more than eight million meals since its inception; and

WHEREAS, This worthy organization administers five senior centers, the Bobbi Lewis Adult Day Program, a central commissary, the Adult Learning Center, and an all-senior theatrical troupe known as The Music Makers; it is also in the process of establishing a Pet Pantry for seniors who cannot afford to feed their beloved pets; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc., in celebration of its growth and the tremendous service it provides; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc. has demonstrated the inestimable value of improving the quality of life for New York State's aging residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc., and to wish it continued success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meals on Wheels Programs & Services of Rockland, Inc.