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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Corker, President of the Sons of the American Legion Department upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 16, 2014

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Corker, President of the Sons of the American Legion Department upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion to be celebrated at its annual dinner on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at the Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness, the American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bronx, New York, Barbara Corker has been a dedicated member of The Throggs Neck Memorial Unit No. 1456; she is the first Auxiliary member from Bronx County to be elected to the high office of President of the Sons of the American Legion Department; and

WHEREAS, She has served her community for several years as a member of the New York Police Department Precinct Council (NYPD), the Parent Teacher Association, the Throggs Neck United Veteran's Day Parade Committee, and the Throggs Neck Community Board; and

WHEREAS, From 1988 through 1995, Barbara Corker worked for the Parkch-

ester South Condominium as both a supervisor and a secretary to the President of the Board of Directors; for the next seven years, she was employed by the NYPD where she performed administrative secretarial duties, and currently, is a Real Estate Associate in Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Department, Barbara Corker was responsible for revitalizing the Junior Auxiliary in her unit; she was a member for several terms on the Finance Committee and Executive Board, serving as Secretary, Children and Youth Chairman, Membership Chairman, Sergeant at Arms and Constitution and By-Laws Chairman for the Unit; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Corker was Unit President for four terms and is currently a member of the Finance and Audit Committee; furthermore, she served as chairman for several fundraisers on the unit level; and

WHEREAS, At the County level, Barbara Corker has, in the past served on all major committees, was the County President for two terms, and assisted with the Holiday Gift Shop; today, she is the County Education Chairman and a member of the Finance and Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, At the District and Department level, Barbara Corker served as First District Vice President for three terms; subsequently, she received the Helen Klimek Gavel for Membership and had the honor of being a Department Page at the 2008 National Convention; and

WHEREAS, A certified Leadership Instructor, Barbara has devoted much of her time as Department Chairman for Cancer Awareness, Education, National Security, Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation, Children and Youth, and Membership Chairman; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 34 years, James Corker, and their two children, as well as their two granddaughters, all

of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Corker, President of the Sons of the American Legion Department upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 16, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Department President Barbara Corker, Sons of the American Legion.