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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mel Fish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay just tribute to those citizens who embody the true American spirit, demonstrating personal courage and determination; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mel Fish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled; and

WHEREAS, The annual Joslin Awards Program of the New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID) respectfully acknowledges individuals in New York communities who strengthen the Preferred Source Program through jobs well done; and

WHEREAS, Mel Fish, a lifetime resident of Albany, New York, has overcome innumerable obstacles in her life; suffering from severe depression, borderline personality disorder and addiction, she has been committed to recovery for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to achieving direction, definition, and stability in her life, Mel Fish began working as a Receptionist at Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS); during this time, she began discussing other employment options with RSS' Vocational Support Program; and

WHEREAS, A courier position was available through a NYSID Preferred Source contract, and upon her application for the position, Mel Fish was hired as a Courier Driver without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, Mel Fish has served in this position for the past seven years, and remarkably has learned all of the routes involved with the

various courier contracts at RSS; this makes her an extremely versatile employee with the ability to cover any position at any time; and WHEREAS, Due to her strong work ethic, Mel Fish has developed time management skills, coping skills, communication and personal interaction skills, as well as problem solving abilities; and

WHEREAS, Punctual and reliable, Mel Fish is very tolerant, patient, and more than willing to take on new assignments; she embraces the value of work in the recovery process, and has gained the confidence to be successful; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of her duties and responsibilities, Mel Fish's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in her community; and

WHEREAS, Mel Fish loves her job and takes great pride in her abilities; her persistence and determination are a true inspiration, and have earned her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such enduring courage and accomplishment are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend those individuals for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mel Fish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a William B. Joslin Outstanding Performance Award by New York State Industries for the Disabled; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mel Fish.