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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathy Walker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathy Walker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Community Auction on Saturday, May 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Working together to feed the hungry since 1979, The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of 53 food pantries located in Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties; annually, The Food Pantries helps fund, collect and deliver nearly 2 million pounds of food for its member pantries, which provides approximately 2.5 million meals; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, The Food Pantries for the Capital District supports its member pantries by providing service coordination, education, training, opportunities for networking, infant needs and holiday meal programs; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast volunteer with The Food Pantries for the Capital District for 15 years, Kathy Walker is currently The Help Center

pantry's longest tenured volunteer; she is at the pantry each week, working tirelessly and enthusiastically to register clients, greet guests, or pull groceries, and is in attendance for each and every special event; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Walker faithfully and graciously serves those within her community and truly goes above and beyond to ensure she reaches all of those in need; she is the manager of the clothing operation and delivers food to those unable to get to the pantry on their own; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she provides small toys and books for the children and truly takes the time to build lasting relationships with the food pantry clients, allowing them to feel supported and cared for; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kathy Walker has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kathy Walker has displayed throughout her life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathy Walker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District; and be it further

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