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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Millie Tomidy-Pepper upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association in Genesee County on May 6, 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, Millie Tomidy-Pepper has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Millie Tomidy-Pepper upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association in Genesee County to be celebrated at its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at Terry Hills Restaurant and Banquet Facility, Batavia, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence is given annually to an individual or an organization that demonstrates a commitment to excellence pertinent to the delivery and/or advocacy of quality community-based mental health services within Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, Millie Tomidy-Pepper has truly been the voice of mental health in Genesee County for the past several years; as Executive Director of the Mental Health Association, her advocacy for the mentally ill has taken her above and beyond the call of duty time and time again; and

WHEREAS, Millie Tomidy-Pepper has been a member of the original Trauma Task Force and the Mental Health Sub-committee of the Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Millie Tomidy-Pepper was instrumental in the expansion of the

services of the Mental Health Association due to her strategic thinking and her grassroots approach to assisting individuals with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding woman's focus is upon mental wellness which has consistently involved addressing the whole person not just the person's illness; and

WHEREAS, Millie Tomidy-Pepper has advocated for the rights of consumers who have been turned away from the more traditional helping venues; she has brought an energy to the Mental Health Association which has showed others what should be done for those who need help; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Millie Tomidy-Pepper has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Millie Tomidy-Pepper upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Constance E. Miller Award of Excellence by the Mental Health Association in Genesee County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Millie Tomidy-Pepper.