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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Terry Leonard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Terry Leonard upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County; and

WHEREAS, For the past 22 years, Terry Leonard rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Ilion, New York, Terry Leonard is a graduate of Herkimer High School, and received his associates degree in business from Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) in 1969; he received his bachelor of science degree in business from Utica College of Syracuse University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Terry Leonard worked at Remington Arms as a computer systems analyst for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, this esteemed man began his service at Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, when he was first hired as a program assistant; in addition, he also accepted the responsibilities of book-keeper and "Runaway and Homeless" youth crisis worker; in 1998, he was appointed fiscal director of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Terry Leonard became executive director of the agency in 2002; during his tenure, he helped improve the quality of life for indi-

viduals and families in Herkimer County through his compassion and generosity to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Truly embodying the mission of Catholic Charities, Terry Leonard's leadership empowered the under-privileged, increased awareness of agency programs, and highlighted the needs of the poor and vulnerable in the community; and

WHEREAS, Terry Leonard has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he is a member of the boards of directors of the Mohawk Valley Community Action, Herkimer County Healthnet, and numerous other worthy nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Terry Leonard is active in the Church of the Annunciation in Ilion, New York, serving in the Marriage Preparation Ministry and as a former lector; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Terry Leonard has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of nearly 45 years, Linda, their three children, and seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Terry Leonard upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of distinguished service to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Terry Leonard.