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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Susanne Kenneally upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susanne Kenneally upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 20th Annual Dessert Spectacular on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities lead happy and fulfilling lives; rooted in a philosophy of self-determination, the Center offers many services including advocacy, peer counseling, and facilitates access to housing and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Beacon Leadership Award is granted annually to those few individuals and businesses which have demonstrated their commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities; honorees have each in their own way helped make the community a more welcoming place for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Susanne Kenneally is a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, a designation from the National Association of Home Builders; in 2000, she began working with Albany Guardian Society, one of Albany's oldest char-

itable organizations, whose mission is to serve seniors and those organizations which serve seniors; and

WHEREAS, As part of her duties, Susanne Kenneally conducts educational programs on "aging in place" so that individuals remain safe, comfortable, and independent in their homes for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman shares the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley's passion for assisting people in remaining in their own homes; her energy and commitment have touched the lives of countless people over the years; and

WHEREAS, Susanne Kenneally is respected greatly for her outstanding work of helping people with disabilities stay in their own homes as they age; she is renowned as being one of the best in her field; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Susanne Kenneally 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 this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Susanne Kenneally upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Beacon Leadership Award by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susanne Kenneally.