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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ella Fitzgerald upon the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Otisville Correctional Facility

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York: and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ella Fitzgerald upon the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Otisville Correctional Facility to be celebrated at a dinner held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Colden Manor, Spruce Lodge in Montgomery, New York; and WHEREAS, For the past 32 years, Ella Fitzgerald of Summitville, New York, rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Otisville Correctional Facility as a mail room clerk; and WHEREAS, A true legend, Ella Fitzgerald received accommodations for intercepting contraband in the mail room, and preventing it from getting into the Otisville Correctional Facility; and WHEREAS, This dedicated and willing woman is the longest tenured mail room clerk in her department; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her four children, and she is the loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, In her capacity as mail room clerk for the Otisville Correctional Facility, Ella Fitzgerald served with loyalty, honor and

distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Ella Fitzgerald was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; 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 Ella Fitzgerald upon the occasion of her retirement after 32 years of distinguished service to the Otisville Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ella Fitzgerald.