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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wanda Ready upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Madison Cortland ARC Board of Directors

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wanda Ready upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Madison Cortland ARC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Wanda Ready rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Madison Cortland ARC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Ready's volunteer career began after her daughter Ruth was afflicted with a terrible illness which left her developmentally disabled at a young age; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman became an important advocate for people with disabilities; she pushed for programs for disabled children in schools when they were nonexistent, as well as for greater access to services for disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Ready fought for the closure of institutions, and continues to fight for the rights of all people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her work as a volunteer, Wanda Ready served on multiple committees for the Board of Directors, and made sure that Madison Cortland ARC was constantly fulfilling its mission of helping those

with special needs; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Wanda Ready was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Madison Cortland ARC Board of Directors, this remarkable woman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wanda Ready upon the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Madison Cortland ARC Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wanda Ready.