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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charlene Benton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany on June 11, 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, Charlene Benton has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charlene Benton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany, to be celebrated at its 41st Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at St. Vincent De Paul Parish Hall, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Benton has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary woman is being recognized by United Tenants of Albany for her leadership and advocacy against Global Partners' plans to expand crude oil processing at the Port of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Benton is the President of the Ezra Prentice Tenants Association; Ezra Prentice is a public housing development located near the Port of Albany; and

WHEREAS, With a concern for the health and safety of the residents of her development, as well as the downtown neighborhoods, Charlene Benton spoke out and organized against the crude oil plan which included constructing a new boiler facility to heat oil on trains as part of the company's effort to increase crude shipments through Albany; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Benton's steadfast commitment and hard work resulted in Albany County issuing a moratorium on the processing of crude oil at the Port pending a public health investigation by the Albany County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Charlene Benton 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 Charlene Benton has displayed throughout her life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charlene Benton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany on June 11, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlene Benton.