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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Corker, the New York Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Legislative Body to commemorate and recognize certain individuals who give their time and support to serve the veterans of this great Nation and Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with this long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Corker, the New York Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary administers hundred of volunteer programs, gives thousand of hours to its communities and their veterans, and raises a significant amount to support its various volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Corker has been a member of the Throggs Neck Memorial Unit No. 1456 of Bronx County for 35 years; she has worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans and their families throughout New York State, serving as the President of the First District three times, as well as Department Vice President before becoming the Department President; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Barbara Corker was awarded the National Award for National Security for Best Overall National Security Program activities in the Eastern Division; in 2011, she received the National Award for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation for Best Overall Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program in the Eastern Division; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, Barbara Corker has focused on Operation Comfort Warriors, a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured, or ill military personnel by providing them with conform items not usually supplied by the federal government; Operation Comfort Warriors was built on love, loyalty, and friendship, and has steadily grown,

raising funds for our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Corker truly exemplifies the American Legion Auxiliary's motto of "Service, Not Self"; she has served as Department Chairman for Cancer Awareness, Children & Youth, and Membership; she is a Certified Leadership Instructor, has served as a housemother for the Empire Girls State Program, and has been an instructor at the American Legion Auxiliary College; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor those who have committed their lives to improve and support the lives of other, particularly those who have served our great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Corker, the New York Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Corker.