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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Corker, the New York Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Empire Girls State Program

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this 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 its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Corker, the New York Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Empire Girls State Program; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives thousands of hours to its communities and their veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its various volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, Empire Girls State is a hands-on week-long educational workshop, focusing on Americanism and the political process; the goal of the program is to help students to better understand democratic ideals and the part individuals play in carrying out these ideals; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Corker embodies these ideals and has been a member of the Throggs Neck Memorial Unit #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 was awarded 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 comfort items not usually supplied by the federal government; Operation Comfort Warriors was built on love, loyalty, and friendship, and has steadily grown, raising over \$50,000 for our veterans so far; 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 intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor those who have committed their lives to improve and support the lives of others, particularly those who have served our great 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, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Empire Girls State Program; and be it further

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