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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to Betty Lennon after many years of distinguished service to the public employees of New York State, and congratulating her upon the occasion of her retirement as President of the Northeast Labor Council

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to Betty Lennon after many years of distinguished service to the public employees of New York State, and to congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement as President of the Northeast Labor Council; she officially retired on Wednesday, December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Betty Lennon began her long and illustrious career of helping workers when she was hired as a secretary at the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) in the fall of 1965; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman served as President of CSEA Local 612 from 1989 to 2001; she continued to be an active member, serving as its Vice President, and later, Secretary, until her retirement from SUNY Plattsburgh in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Betty Lennon also helped organize workers at the University of Minnesota at St. Paul while serving on the education committee of her parent union, the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); and

WHEREAS, As President of the Northeast Labor Council, Betty Lennon dutifully served the counties of Clinton, Franklin and the northern part of Essex for 18 years; during this time, she worked tirelessly to advocate on behalf of working people, bringing together local union affil-

iates from across the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Today, as an active member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) she helps unify all union women around common problems and concerns they may face in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her remarkable career, Betty Lennon has fought for the rights, dignity and respect of public employees at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Betty Lennon after many years of distinguished service to the public employees of New York State and to congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement as President of the Northeast Labor Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Betty Lennon.