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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Magee Hickey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Magee Hickey has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Magee Hickey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, Magee Hickey is being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of her outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised on the Upper East

Side, Magee Hickey recently returned to her birth city; she attended both the Chapin School and Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York City, and graduated from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; and WHEREAS, Magee Hickey was the first host of the weekend edition of "TODAY" with Matt Lauer, and an Emmy Award winning reporter whose pieces have made a significant difference in the lives of all New Yorkers; today, she is a News Reporter for WPIX Channel 11; and WHEREAS, Magee Hickey was honored as Mother of the Year by the National Mother's Day Council, and was listed as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans by IRISH AMERICAN MAGAZINE; and WHEREAS, Active within her community, Magee Hickey is a vital member of The American Cancer Society and The Kennedy Child Center, as well as the Lawrence F. Hickey Child Developmental Center, which was named in honor of her late father; and WHEREAS, Magee Hickey recently ran in the NYC Marathon as a member of the ACS DetermiNation team, in memory of her late mother; and WHEREAS, Along with her demanding career, Magee Hickey is both a proud wife and mother, as well as a cabaret singer and an environmental musician; she also finds time to volunteer in the Neo-natal unit at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Magee Hickey upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Magee Hickey.