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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathleen "Max" Thornton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Spirit of Light Award by St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer, New York

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals that it wishes to recognize for having given of their time and energies to serve the best interests of their communities and to publicly acknowledge their service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathleen "Max" Thornton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Spirit of Light Award by St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer, New York, at its Bountiful Hearts and Harvest Reception, held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at Taste, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since November is National Homeless Awareness Month, it is especially important to celebrate those who made a positive impact on the homeless population in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Center opened its doors in 2006; it provides a warm, nurturing, home-like environment where mothers have the opportunity to become equipped and empowered to make a successful transition to independent living, and begin a better life for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Light Volunteer Award recognizes a special volunteer who directly touches the Center's families, making an immediate and real difference in their lives; this volunteer gives freely of their time and energies, without judgment of those served, and without the expectation of gratitude, simply serving as a friend to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen "Max" Thornton is the inaugural recipient of this auspicious award; she is a positive role model to everyone at the Center; she recognizes that families in need are not invisible, standing alone, or to be ignored; 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 Kathleen "Max" Thornton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as recipient of the Spirit of Light Award by St.

Paul's Center in Rensselaer, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen "Max" Thornton.