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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Grace Fruiterman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of remarkable individuals that should be recognized for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Grace Fruiterman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum, celebrated at its 17th Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, October 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Senior Issues Forum is a voluntary initiative among various faith communities, organizations, and individuals which provide support for seniors in the Capital District through education and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, the Capital District Senior Issues Forum was started to focus on senior housing issues; a group of caregivers, faith organizations, government officials, housing facility and service groups administrators and seniors joined together to generate support for seniors in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, this vital forum has grown from its small, grass roots beginnings to a full-fledged organization which

focuses upon the care and success of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, the Capital District Senior Issues Forum has held 16 ceremonies and has recognized over 676 seniors over the age of 85 for their lifetime achievements; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Grace Fruiterman was recognized by being an extraordinary senior, and for making a difference in the lives of others, as well as for giving selflessly through community service; 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 by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Grace Fruiterman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grace Fruiterman.