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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathy Manley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals that it wishes to recognize for having given 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathy Manley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union celebrated at its Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the Polish Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union strives to educate the public about current civil liberties issues, respond to requests for legal assistance, and advocate for and against local legislation with civil liberties components; and

WHEREAS, The Carol S. Knox award was established to honor an exceptional individual whose dedicated work demonstrates their commitment to civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, Since 1997, Kathy Manley has been employed at Kindlon Shanks & Associates; for almost two decades, she has focused on criminal defense and constitutional rights cases; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Manley centers her work on appeals and motions, and has written many winning briefs before the New York State Court of Appeals, the Appellate Division, the Third Department and other courts; in addition, she has written many suppression motions which have successfully challenged illegal searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman is involved in many civil rights groups such as the Muslim Solidarity Committee, National Lawyers Guild, Project Salam and the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Kathy Manley holds the position of Vice President of the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, and is an active member of the Occupy Albany Legal Team; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Manley was chosen as recipient of the Carol S. Knox award for her dedication in the pursuit of justice for the most discriminated against individuals in our society; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathy Manley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Carol S. Knox Award by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy Manley.