

## 2015-J4373

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sew What's New Fabric Center of Nyack, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating almost five decades of outstanding service to its community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are enhanced by the concerned and dedicated efforts of small businesses which generously contribute to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sew What's New Fabric Center of Nyack, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating almost five decades of outstanding service to its community; and

WHEREAS, Sew What's New Fabric Center was established nearly a half-century ago, by its beloved founder, Bebe Lefkowitz, who opened the shop in the basement of her Orangeburg home selling samples her husband, Albie, brought home from his job in New York City's Garment District; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Sew What's New has strived to fulfill the fabric and design needs of its customers at several different locations, before finally settling into its current 6,000-square-foot building on Nyack's upper Main Street; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, this unique fashion emporium experienced the loss of its owner, Bebe Lefkowitz, a talented, humorous and eccentric business-woman who would spend hours regaling customers with her life story while coaching them through their design projects; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Sew What's New Fabric Center has been managed by Susan Lefkowitz, and looked after by longtime employees, Tara Fitzgerald

and Manuel Vasquez, who came to the store 18 years ago from El Salvador;  
and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past five decades, Sew What's New Fabric Center, along with its owners, and employees, has been an integral part of the Nyack and Rockland County communities; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional business and its contributions to the local and state economies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sew What's New Fabric Center of Nyack, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating almost five decades of outstanding service to its community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Lefkowitz, Tara Fitzgerald and Manuel Vasquez, Sew What's New Fabric Center.