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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cathy Bender upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Bender has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Cathy Bender upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and

WHEREAS, A 1988 graduate of Tri-Valley High School, Cathy Bender earned her Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Since May of 1994, Cathy Bender has served as a Certified Financial Planner/Practitioner and Chief Compliance Officer at Coombe, Bender & Co. LLC, and Coombe Financial Services; in this capacity, she works with clients to organize their assets toward a meaningful goal of retirement and other plans; and assists them with transitions in life, death, and end-of-life arrangements; and

WHEREAS, In this role, Cathy Bender enjoys getting to know her clients and helping them to manage their finances so they can achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives and works, Cathy Bender holds the position of President of the Neversink Agricultural Society, and participates on the Mid-Hudson Cooperative Insurance Company Board of Directors; she has also served as President of the Grahamsville Fair Board of Directors for the past 20 years; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, Cathy Bender serves as Treasurer of numerous funds including small church funds, scholarship funds, and the FFA Alumni Fund; and

WHEREAS, A faithful member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Cathy Bender is the co-Superintendent of Sunday School; and WHEREAS, When she is not working or volunteering her time and energy to worthy causes, Cathy Bender likes to spend time with her family and toil in the garden or do chores on the family farm; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Tim, and her three children, Nathaniel, Autumn, and Nicholas, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Cathy Bender has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Cathy Bender upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cathy Bender.