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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Corning Meals on Wheels upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on April 12, 2016

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 reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves 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 Corning Meals on Wheels upon the occasion of commemorating its 50th Anniversary at a Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at The Radisson Hotel, Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, Corning Meals on Wheels has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by providing sustenance and support to seniors in need for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that many older adults in their community needed meals delivered to their homes, Penny Rochester and her friends at Christ Episcopal Church formed Corning Meals on Wheels as a program of the Corning Vicinity Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, On March 7, 1966, six residents from the Corning area received the first deliveries of a hot lunch and a cold supper; everything from cooking to paperwork was done in the kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Corning Meals on Wheels formed its own non-profit corporation with Elizabeth (Penny) M. Rochester, Delphine Pierri, Edith Treinin, Mary Heermans, Richard Wheeler, Phyllis Bruielly, Maureen Heatley, Marjorie Lobdell, Mabel Schmarder, Catherine Hoxle, and Louise Maloney serving as the first Directors; and

WHEREAS, As this important service grew to meet the increasing needs of its community, Corning Meals on Wheels added operating locations at both St. Mary's Parish in Corning, and the Imperial Club in Painted Post, New York; almost three decades ago, the organization consolidated all operations under one roof at the First United Methodist Church of Corning; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of President, The Right Reverend Ian Adkins, ASC, D.D., Corning Meals on Wheels is comprised of 200 dedicated volunteers who prepare and deliver nourishing meals to the homebound and frail each weekday; in 2015, these remarkable individuals delivered 51,809 meals, making a difference in the lives of 256 area seniors; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Corning Meals on Wheels in celebration of its growth and the tremendous service it provides; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, Corning Meals on Wheels has demonstrated the inestimable value of improving the quality of life for New York State's aging residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Corning Meals on Wheels upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and to wish this worthy organization continued success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Right Reverend Ian Adkins, ASC, D.D., President, Corning Meals on Wheels.