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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Janice Aris upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Janice Aris has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Janice Aris upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, Janice Aris is being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of her outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, Janice Aris, MSW, MS, is the Executive Director at Mercy

Home; she has over 30 years' experience in the field of Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and has dedicated her career to improving social services for some of New York City's most vulnerable individuals, displaying deep compassion and creativity in responding to human needs; and

WHEREAS, Prior to assuming the helm at Mercy Home, Janice Aris served as the Vice President of Services for People with Developmental Disabilities for Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services (CCNS); during this period, she assisted the organization in expanding its Day Habilitation and Medicaid Service Coordination programs; and

WHEREAS, Janice Aris holds two Master's degrees in Social Sciences and Social Work, and an Advance Certificate in Not for Profit Management from Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Janice Aris is currently a Strell Fellow participating in CUNY/Hunter College's Executive Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, and her two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Janice Aris upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Janice Aris.