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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jacqueline Hesse upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jacqueline Hesse upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at The Fountains of Wallkill, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is being honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission in recognition of her steadfast dedication to the community and her work to build better relationships among diverse people, encouraging them to participate in community life on an equal basis; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Hesse is a respected English Language Arts teacher at the Excelsior Academy who has dedicated her career to promoting social justice education and building a classroom pedagogy centered around promoting cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, An emerging leader in the Hudson Valley Writing Project, a

regional affiliate of the National Writing Project, Jacqueline Hesse has worked with her students and numerous regional educators to help people better recognize the injustices in the world and realize the power they have as agents of change; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Jacqueline Hesse oversaw a project-based learning experience for the entire 10th grade of Excelsior Academy which culminated in a Modern Day Slavery Awareness Fair where attendees learned about the cycles of oppression which lead to modern-day slavery and modern-day injustices throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jacqueline Hesse has inspired her students to be active volunteers in the Newburgh community with such non-profit organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Jacqueline Hesse has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Jacqueline Hesse has displayed throughout her life; 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 Jacqueline Hesse upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Human Rights Award by the Orange County Human Rights Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacqueline Hesse.