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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Lou Lockwood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Lou Lockwood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of 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; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Wolcott, New York, area for 66 years, Mary Lou Lockwood is always willing to lend a helping hand; she gives of her time and energy to numerous local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Lockwood holds the title of Secretary of the Wolcott

Ambulance, where she maintains the clothing drop box, and manages both employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, A faithful congregant of the Wolcott Presbyterian Church, Mary Lou Lockwood is a member of the choir and the women's group, and serves as a Deacon and Elder; in addition, she assists with Vacation Bible School, the Baccalaureate Service, and during the holidays, she coordinates the Toys for Kids drive and distributes food baskets; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Lockwood also holds the positions of Treasurer of the Council of Churches and Director of the Food Pantry; in this capacity, she not only distributes food, but also trains volunteers and writes grants; and

WHEREAS, As leader of her church's Youth Group, Mary Lou Lockwood has guided the young people through her Christian values; under her luminous supervision, the members have served food in the soup kitchen, collected money for various Salvation Army Red Kettle projects, participated in Make a Difference Day, and helped raise funds for the American Heart Association; and

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

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Lockwood is a member of a large family which frequently gathers together to have fun; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 47 years, Bob, their four children, and seven grandchildren, as well as two great-grandchildren, 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 Mary Lou Lockwood has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Lockwood, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volun-

teerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Lou Lockwood upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Lou Lockwood.