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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda S. Muller upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by HONORehg, Inc. on May 17, 2016

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 Linda S. Muller upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by HONORehg, Inc., to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Dinner on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at Falkirk Estate & Country Club, Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, With the belief that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, Linda S. Muller has been with Cornerstone Family Healthcare since 1991; today, as President and CEO, this vision has provided the basis for care for the more than 23,000 patients who call Cornerstone Family Healthcare their medical home; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Linda S. Muller, Cornerstone Family Healthcare has grown significantly; its 60,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical practice opened in 2010, and seven additional sites were opened across Newburgh, New Windsor, Goshen and Highland Falls; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Linda S. Muller was instrumental in Cornerstone Family Healthcare opening its newest facility in Binghamton, New York; this vital organization is also accredited by the Joint Commission for delivering high standards of care and is designated by the National

Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller is a highly regarded and respected leader in the healthcare field; she was recognized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, NY HRSA Field Office for her commitment and distinguished service to improving the health status of the medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has been recognized by Independent Living, Newburgh/Highland NAACP, and The Newburgh's Developers Association; in 2004, she was recognized for "Women of Achievement" in the healthcare field, and by the Times Herald-Record as one of the region's "Top 40 Most Influential Leaders"; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Linda S. Muller was honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission for her efforts in advancing the human rights of the people of Orange County; the following year, she was recognized by the Hudson Valley Association of Women & Friends as a person in the community who makes a difference; she has also received the Elant Signature Award as well as Leadership Orange's Pinnacle of Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Linda S. Muller currently serves on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Elant, and Affinity Health Plan; she is a past member of the board of the National Association of Community Health Centers where she currently serves as the Chairman of the Healthcare for the Homeless Committee; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller attended Orange County Community College following graduation from Washingtonville High School; she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from SUNY Buffalo in Communications, as well as a Master's of Science degree with high honors in Health Policy and Administration from The Robert J. Milano School of Urban Studies at

New School University; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 45 years, Charles, and their three children, Christopher (Lisa), Jonathan (Donna) and Jessica (Anthony), as well as six grandchildren, Alexandra, Connor, Samantha, Lorelei, Evelyn and Macsen, 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 Linda S. Muller 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 Linda S. Muller upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by HONORhg, Inc. on May 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda S. Muller.