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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation on June 17, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in the State of New York; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation at its 10th Annual Labor Heroes Celebration to be held on Friday, June 17, 2016, at Dutchess Manor in Beacon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Lyons, Political and Community Organizer with the New York State Nurses Association, is the recipient of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation's 2016 Mother Jones Award; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in the small town of Highland, New York, Kimberly Lyons worked on a local farm during her high school years where she learned the true meaning of hard labor; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Lyons also understood the meaning of struggle, working hard, and fighting for your rights growing up in a union household; her mother was a Certified Nursing Assistant at Vassar Brothers Medical Center for 15 years and a member of 1199 SEIU, and her father has been a union activist for most of his life, from the merchant marines traveling around the world to working at Marist College where he is the Chapter Chair of his union, Local 200 united SEIU; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Highland High School, Kimberly Lyons began working as a secretary at Vassar Brothers Medical Center and became a member of 1199 SEIU; she quickly held the position of Delegate

and was introduced to the grievance procedure, negotiation process and political activism; and

WHEREAS, Leading unit meetings and activating fellow secretaries in upcoming policy and procedure changes; 1199 SEIU offered Kimberly Lyons a multitude of opportunities including instruction and guidance as a Delegate as well as providing an education to national political activism; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Kimberly Lyons graduated from Ulster BOCES with a Certificate in Surgical Technology; she preferred union work to the operating room, and has been involved with organizing many campaigns including St. Francis Hospital, now called Mid-Hudson Regional; and

WHEREAS, As a Political and Community Organizer with the New York State Nurses Association, Kimberly Lyons enjoys working alongside a group of active nurses who inform their communities about patient safety and safe staffing; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commend Kimberly Lyons upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation on June 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kimberly Lyons.