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COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of New York Cares, and paying special tribute to its volunteers for their many years of hard work and dedication in service to their community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of New York Cares, and to pay special tribute to its volunteers who, through their hard work and dedication, have made it the largest network of volunteers in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Executive Director Gary Bagley, last year alone, New York Cares engaged more than 64,000 caring New Yorkers on programs at over 1,300 nonprofit and public school partners such as: improving educational outcomes for children and adults, meeting immediate needs of the most vulnerable populations, and revitalizing the City's public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1987, New York Cares has organized approximately six million hours of volunteer work, collected more than one and a half million coats for those in need, and served nearly three million meals to New Yorkers who would otherwise have gone hungry; and

WHEREAS, Over three decades, from granting children's winter wishes and planting local gardens to providing free SAT tutoring for college-bound students, the volunteers of New York Cares, from all five boroughs of New York City, have worked together to brighten the lives of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, In addition, volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of New York Cares, and to pay special tribute to its volunteers for their many years of hard work and dedication in service to their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Bagley, Executive Director, New York Cares.