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Senate Resolution No. 3497

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Joan Guarnieri, RN upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sally Dean Award by UHS Delaware Valley Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those nurses from this great Empire State who have distinguished themselves through professional excellence and have made significant contributions to the quality of life of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 honor Joan Guarnieri, RN upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sally Dean Award by UHS Delaware Valley Hospital; and

WHEREAS, This most prestigious award was created in memory of registered nurse, Sally Dean, who during her tenure at Delaware Valley, treated her patients, their visitors and her co-workers with true dedication, commitment and compassion; Joan Guarnieri truly exemplifies Sally's work ethic, and is rightly deserving of this award; and

WHEREAS, Joan Guarnieri began her long and distinguished nursing career in Trenton, New Jersey; she then moved to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, where she worked at Geisinger Medical Center; 31 years ago, she joined the staff of UHS Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Joan Guarnieri has served in the ICU, ER and medical floor in many capacities including Director of In-service Education, Director of Nursing, Director of Patient Services, and Chief Nursing Officer, as well as her current role, Vice President of Ancillary Services; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Joan Guarnieri oversees the hospital's imaging center, cardiopulmonary services, laboratory, physical rehabilitation services, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program and the hospital's relatively new service, pain management; and

WHEREAS, Joan Guarnieri is always looking for new and innovative ways to bring more services to the residents of Delaware Valley; her great success is evident in the advances the hospital has made in the types and quality of services offered; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the hospital has received its cardiac rehabilitation certification, brought 3D mammography capability to the local area, began to offer both MRI services and home sleep studies, and is in the process of finalizing the hospital's laboratory linkage to the Mayo clinic; and

WHEREAS, Built upon the proud tradition of caring, the profession of nursing is dedicated to implementing the best practices to deliver the highest quality of care to those whom they serve; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional individuals, leaders in their profession, make a difference in the lives of every one of their patients, as well as the patients' family members they serve each and every day; they have truly proven themselves to be great assets to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of true integrity, Joan Guarnieri has served as a Registered Nurse with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor; for 31 years, she has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to UHS Delaware Valley Hospital, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joan Guarnieri, RN upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sally Dean Award by UHS Delaware Valley Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Guarnieri, RN.