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Senate Resolution No. 4349

BY: Senator MURPHY

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of the Food
Bank for Westchester

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed entities; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank for Westchester will celebrate its 30th Anniversary during its Spring Gala to be held at the Tappan Hill Mansion on April 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank for Westchester was incorporated on September 16, 1988, as Food PATCH (People Allied to Combat Hunger) in Yonkers; and

WHEREAS, Due to increasing needs, Food PATCH moved to a 10,000 square foot warehouse in Hawthorne in 1990, and then to a 15,000 square foot facility in Millwood in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Food PATCH changed its name to the Food Bank for Westchester in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Food Bank for Westchester partnered with the Westchester County Department of Correction, Leake & Watts, and Muscoot Farm to launch the Food Growing Program, which cultivates unused land

and an available workforce to teach at-risk populations to plant, cultivate, and harvest fresh produce for the hungry; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank for Westchester moved to a newly renovated 36,688 square foot facility in Elmsford in 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank for Westchester launched the Kraft Mobile Food Pantry, with food partner Stop & Shop Supermarkets, on February 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff and volunteers of the Food Bank for Westchester distributed 7.2 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2013-14; during that same period, 8,747 volunteers donated nearly 20,000 hours to this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank for Westchester has a long and distinguished history of providing food to those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Food Bank for Westchester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leslie Gordon, President and CEO, Food Bank for Westchester.