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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene Communications Director MaryAnn Lohrey after 38 years of distinguished service to Dutchess County

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene Communications Director MaryAnn Lohrey after 38 years of distinguished service to Dutchess County, to be celebrated on Friday, January 16, 2009, at the Dutchess Golf & Country Club in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 38 years, MaryAnn Lohrey rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Communications Director, MaryAnn Lohrey served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, MaryAnn Lohrey was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, MaryAnn Lohrey graduated from both Russell Sage College with a Master of Science degree in Health Education, and the University of Buffalo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; she has been serving Dutchess County Government for 38 years, first being appointed in February of 1971 as the Mental Health Educator and was later promoted to Communications Director; and

WHEREAS, As Communications Director, MaryAnn Lohrey has had the overall responsibility for planning, directing and administering community education and public information activities; after leaving county service on Wednesday, December 31, 2008, MaryAnn Lohrey will continue as a part-time consultant for the Department in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, MaryAnn Lohrey has been affiliated with numerous organizations, such as the Dutchess County Historical Society, the Association of Ex-Members of Squadron A, the Sigma Kappa National Sorority, the University of Buffalo and Russell Sage College Alumni Associations, The United Way of Dutchess County, and the Dutchess County Golf and Country Club, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, A founder of the Dutchess County Federation of Women's Club, MaryAnn Lohrey has received local and national awards and acknowledgements for her professional work and civic endeavors, including citations in "Who's Who in American Politics", and "Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans"; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Fred, her children, Pamela, Sarah, and Eric, as well as her grandchildren, Nicholai, Kyra, and Ava Mae, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene Communications Director, MaryAnn Lohrey earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor MaryAnn Lohrey upon the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of distinguished service to Dutchess County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to MaryAnn Lohrey.