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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Nancy Kurk upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Sullivan County American Legion

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Nancy Kurk upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Sullivan County American Legion at its Annual Department Officers Visitation Dinner to be held at Mr. Willy's Restaurant in Monticello, New York, on Sunday, March 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk was elected President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York on July 17, 2010; her involvement in the organization has been extensive; and

WHEREAS, A member of Robson-Savage Unit #546 for thirty-four years, Nancy Kurk was first elected Unit President in 1990; she has served as Vice President and Treasurer and chaired most committees as well as represented the Unit as a delegate to many Department Conventions; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Nancy Kurk was first elected Yates County President, an office she has held three times; under her leadership Yates County won the Wilma Laraway Award for Field Service; she is currently serving the County as Legislative and Past Presidents Parley Chairman; and

WHEREAS, On the District level, Nancy Kurk has served as District Secretary for three administrations and one term as Acting District Chaplain; serving twice as Field Day Chairman at Canandaigua Veterans Affairs Medical Center is one achievement of which she is most proud;

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WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk has served two administrations representing the District on the Constitution and By-laws, and Resolutions Committees at the Department Convention; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk was elected District Vice President in 2000 and District President in 2001; as District President, she chaired the Americanism Program and the District Leadership Workshop in 2006; during the 2006 American Legion Auxiliary Convention held in Rochester, New York, she served as Executive Dinner Chairman and Vice Chairman of Distinguished Guests; and

WHEREAS, On the Department level Nancy Kurk has chaired multiple committees including the Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Legislative and Midwinter Conference Committees, she also served as Luncheon Chairman for National President Carol Van Kirk and chaired the Warrior Family Assistance grant program; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk has been active in the Empire Girls State program, serving as a housemother for five years and as Vice Chairman of the program in 2003; as well as Nationalist Party Advisor; since her training in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2003, Nancy has served seven years on the Unit Development and Revitalization Team, now known as the Membership Support Team; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk has represented the American Legion Auxiliary Department at seven National Conventions as a delegate, and served as a representative for the Seventh District on Resolutions and Constitution and By-laws; she became a Certified Leadership Instructor and has served as The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Deputy and Poppy Supervisor at the Canandaigua Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk is a Field Service and Veterans Affairs Voluntary

Services volunteer; she serves on the Operation Military Kids New York State team and is a Ready, Set, Go program trainer, having received her training in Albuquerque, New Mexico in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kurk was a 4H Leader and Brownie Leader; she is a certified white face clown and has performed at nursing homes and Veterans Medical Centers, bringing joy to the residents and staff; furthermore, she is an Independent Living Skills Trainer with Sibley Nursing Personnel, Inc. and assists individuals who have suffered traumatic brain injury to regain their independence at home and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Nancy Kurk has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 30 years, Tom, their two daughters, and four grandchildren, all of whom are members of the American Legion family and feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to Nancy Kurk and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nancy Kurk upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 13, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy Kurk.