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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ulster County Literacy Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ulster County Literacy Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious occasion will be observed at two special events; first, they will host their 30th Anniversary Party and tutor recognition ceremony at Skytop Steakhouse and Brewing Co. in Kingston, New York, on Friday, May 20, 2011; they will then host their Annual Scrabble Game night at the same location on Thursday, October 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ulster Literacy Association is a non-profit organization, whose mission it is to provide adults with effective programs aimed at developing the reading, writing, and communication skills necessary for them to achieve their personal and professional goals; and

WHEREAS, Since 1981, Ulster Literacy Association has provided literacy tutoring for more than 4,000 adults within Ulster County, offering one-to-one free tutoring in English reading, writing, and speaking skills to any adult who wants to learn; and

WHEREAS, An affiliate of ProLiteracy Worldwide and Literacy New York, the Ulster Literacy Association community consists of tutors and students, as well as more than 150 volunteers and professional staff, who are dedicated to enriching the lives of Ulster County residents

through the gift of literacy; and

WHEREAS, Ulster Literacy Association tutors teach basic reading and writing skills to adults whose literacy skills are below a sixth-grade reading level and who are not eligible for public school education; tutors also provide instruction for adults whose first language is not English and often help to prepare them for the GED or United States citizenship test; and

WHEREAS, The students who benefit from this vital Association come from a variety of backgrounds; some are lifelong Ulster County residents while others immigrated to the United States from other countries; and

WHEREAS, Due to many years of commitment and the tireless efforts of its remarkable directors, staff and volunteers, many students who have learned to read and write at the Ulster Literacy Association have gone on to secure better jobs, start their own businesses, and pursue vocational training as nurses, home-health companions, mechanics, and computer technicians; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members, past and present, of Ulster Literacy Association who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the residents and community it serves; noting the significance of its unrelenting efforts to build a commonality of interest and pride of cooperative achievement, inherent in the values of community and family life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ulster County Literacy Association upon the occasion of celebrating its 30th Anniversary, and to wish this illustrious organization continued success in its vital work on behalf of its community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ulster Literacy Association, 480 Aaron Court, Willow Park, Kingston, New York 12401.