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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Helen Reck upon the occasion of her designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2011 Heart of Gold Award on May 20, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations, businesses, and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Helen Reck upon the occasion of her designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2011 Heart of Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Ulster-Greene ARC was founded in 1956 by families who insisted that their children with disabilities have the same opportunities for schooling, vocational training and housing as anyone else has; and

WHEREAS, These early pioneers established the first community-based services for people with disabilities in Ulster and Greene Counties; today, Ulster-Greene ARC is a not-for-profit agency which serves nearly 2000 people throughout the mid-Hudson and Catskill Mountains region who have developmental delays or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Each year Ulster-Greene ARC proudly honors outstanding members of the community who give unselfishly of themselves to help make the lives of others fulfilling, recognizing them for their dedication to the community and their commitment to Ulster-Greene ARC's mission of offering people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities opportunities to live and experience full lives; and

WHEREAS, Helen Reck will be honored by Ulster-Greene ARC with the Heart of Gold Award at its 30th Annual Humanitarian Dinner to be held on Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, She is being presented with the Heart of Gold Award in appreciation of her extraordinary efforts and commitment to helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, For the past four years Helen Reck has been a dedicated and valued volunteer in Ulster-Greene ARC's Day Habilitation programs and has, in addition, comforted many saying the Rosary at The Palmer Center, Ulster-Greene ARC's Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) in Kingston; and WHEREAS, Helen Reck has been a constant and humble supporter of Ulster-Greene ARC for many years; as a dedicated community partner, she has helped Ulster-Greene ARC and its programs to flourish, greatly enriching the lives of countless others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Helen Reck for her unwavering commitment to Ulster-Greene ARC as it provides an uncompromising standard of excellence in the delivery of superlative service to the communities and citizens it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble accomplishment are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Helen Reck upon the occasion of her designation by Ulster-Greene ARC as the recipient of its 2011 Heart of Gold Award on May 20, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Reck.