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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deirdre Glenn of Newburgh, New York, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Downing Park Planning Committee

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deirdre Glenn of Newburgh, New York, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Downing Park Planning Committee; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a dinner to be held in her honor on Saturday, July 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Downing Park Planning Committee is a grass roots community group that formed in the late 1980s to revitalize a historic treasure in Newburgh, New York, known as Downing Park; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1987, the Downing Park Planning Committee's mission is to: act as an advocate for the preservation of Newburgh's aesthetically and historically significant landmark, Downing Park, which is part of the City's East End Historic District; generate use of Downing Park by the entire community by sponsoring events and encouraging other organizations to do the same; seek financial assistance through grants, fundraising activities and private donations to revitalize and maintain the Park; and act as a consulting body by setting guidelines and providing advice regarding future restoration and/or physical alteration of the Park in accordance with amendments to the accepted Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, After successful career endeavors which included archaeology in Ireland, management at the University of Pittsburgh and at the Irish-American Cultural Institute in Dublin, Ireland, and New York,

Deirdre Glenn returned to Newburgh, New York, where she is very active in the community; and

WHEREAS, Deirdre Glenn served as the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh for over a decade; during her tenure, the organization increased its capacity from two houses per year to one that builds seven to 10 houses per year; and

WHEREAS, Under the superb leadership of Deirdre Glenn, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh became the second most active affiliate throughout the Hudson Valley and a leader in New York State; in addition, she was instrumental in the development of a "ReStore," a business enterprise in the recycling of building materials to provide program income; and

WHEREAS, Deirdre Glenn is currently developing a new not-for-profit organization, Newburgh Armory Unity Center, Inc., to assist the City of Newburgh in running the Newburgh Armory; this new organization will coordinate the large number of groups and events that utilize the Armory throughout the year and make it a key part of the redevelopment of the City; and

WHEREAS, Deirdre Glenn currently serves as Warden at St. George's Episcopal Church and is a member of the Board of Directors of both the Newburgh Chamber Music and the Newburgh Preservation Association; she is also a member of the City of Newburgh Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Deirdre Glenn is the proud mother of two sons: John Carlos Lantis and Colin de Paor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Deirdre Glenn of Newburgh, New York, has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Deirdre Glenn has displayed throughout her life; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Deirdre Glenn of Newburgh, New York, upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Downing Park Planning Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deirdre Glenn, Newburgh, New York.