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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Gosstola upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Legislature and the Legislative Messenger Service

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor individuals who have faithfully served the people and the government of the State of New York with dedication and conscientious service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Gosstola upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Legislature and the Legislative Messenger Service; a party was held in her honor on Wednesday, January 21, 2015; she officially retired on December 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in Albany and raised in Voorheesville, New York, Barbara Gosstola is a graduate of Voorheesville High School; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Messenger Service plays a very important part in expediting the work of the New York State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 1979, Barbara Gosstola began her career with the Legislative Messenger Service; over the years, she has enjoyed delivering mail, meeting people and making friends; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Barbara Gosstola has had the good fortune of getting to know many Senators and Assembly members, and their staff; she is well-known throughout the Legislature for her kind and compassionate nature, as well as for taking a genuine interest in the well-being of her colleagues and their family members; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gosstola's thoughtfulness extends with her tradition of sending cards to her many friends, offering birthday wishes, get well soon, thinking of you and even sympathy; in retirement, she will fondly remember the special relationships she built over the years with the many friends she made during her 35 years with the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her family, Barbara Gosstola is the proud sister of David and Donna, and the loving aunt of Zachary, John, Nick, and Morgan, all of whom feel honored to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Barbara Gosstola has plans to enroll in crafting classes, and to give back to her community by volunteering her time; she will be dearly missed by all those who have had the pleasure of befriending her throughout her esteemed career; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Gosstola, as a member of the Legislative Messenger Service, embodies the true American spirit, demonstrating personal determination and significantly contributing to the workings of the New York State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Gosstola upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the New York State Legislature and the Legislative Messenger Service, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Gosstola.