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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Linda S. Muller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award on February 7, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller 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 honor Linda Muller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award, to be observed at its 17th Annual Tuition Assistance Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, President and CEO of the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center (GHVFHC), Linda S. Muller earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Buffalo, and a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Administration from the New School University in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller began her illustrious career with the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center in 1991; with the belief that health care is a right, not a privilege, she has been a steadfast advocate for the 21,000 patients who call GHVFHC their medical home; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Linda S. Muller has been instrumental in the tremendous growth of the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center; most recently, the organization has become accredited by the Joint Commission for delivering high standards of care and is designated by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller is a highly regarded and respected leader in the healthcare community; she was honored by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, New York HRSA Field Office for her commitment and distinguished service to improving the health status of the medically underserved; and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Linda S. Muller has been recognized by Independent Living, Newburgh/Highland NAACP, The Newburgh Developers Association, and the TIMES HERALD-RECORD as one of the Region's Top 40 Most Influential Women; in 2004, she received the award for "Women in Achievement" in the healthcare field; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2007, Linda S. Muller was selected as a Woman of Distinction by the TIMES HERALD-RECORD, and in 2011, she was honored by the Orange County Human Rights Commission for her efforts in advancing the human rights of the people of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Linda S. Muller has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she was recognized by the Hudson Valley Association of Women & Friends as a person in the community who makes a difference; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she received the Elant Signature Award, as well as Leadership Orange's Pinnacle of Leadership Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Linda S. Muller currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), Orange County Chamber of Commerce, and Elant; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Linda S. Muller has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Linda S. Muller 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 celebrated and 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 Linda S. Muller upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trowell-Harris Leadership Mentor Award on February 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda S. Muller.