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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice for her 35 years of service and dedication to Community Maternity Services

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals and organizations which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice for 35 years of distinguished service and dedication to Community Maternity Services at its Celebration of Hope Dinner held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at the Italian American Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Community Maternity Services, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, was founded in 1971, as a single residential program providing services to pregnant adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Community Maternity Services now provides a continuum of services including: care for pregnant and parenting adolescents and their families, group residence and family care for children, prevention services and support for families at risk, adoption services, foster care services, and respite services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has been a Sister of Mercy since 1965; she spent the past 35 years of her professional life at Community Maternity Services, initially serving as the Residential Director of the Maternity Center, before holding several other positions, such as in 1990, when she was promoted to Executive Director of Community Maternity

Services; and

WHEREAS, Under Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice's leadership, Community Maternity Services has provided compassionate, effective intervention, and services for pregnant and parenting adolescents, vulnerable children, and at-risk families in order to foster personal growth, preserve families, and provide access to health, educational, and social services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice has touched the lives of countless young mothers and children; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice for 35 years of service and dedication to Community Maternity Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Mary Ann LoGiudice.