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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eileen Gage upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness House

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 Eileen Gage upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness House at its 12th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction Event, to be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, at Belhurst Castle, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Given annually, this auspicious award is presented to board members who go above and beyond their duties as a volunteer, and whose outstanding contributions and accomplishments are consistent with the mission and vision of Happiness House; and

WHEREAS, Born in Staten Island, New York, Eileen Gage was raised by her loving parents, Richard and Jean Jones; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Gage earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and a Master's degree in Organizational Management; she currently serves as the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for Finger Lakes Health; her commitment to nursing is the driving force behind her dedication to the care, education, and service provided by Happiness House; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Gage has been a dedicated volunteer on the Happiness House Board of Directors for 10 years, as well as a member of the Foundation Board since 2011; while serving as Board Chair from 2011-2014, plans for the Transition Apartments and Happiness House Apartment House

Development Fund Company, Inc. came to fruition; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Eileen Gage has served on many committees including Long Range Planning, Personnel and Finance; most recently, she served as co-Chair of the Synergy Committee which worked through the details of bringing Happiness House, CP Rochester and Happiness House Foundation into a formal structure which ultimately will strengthen their mission to offer opportunities to expand much needed services to consumers throughout the Finger Lakes and Greater Rochester areas; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 39 years, Craig, and three children, Dan, Melissa, and Heather, as well as six grandchildren, Nolan, Cameron, Damon, Blake, Elise and Keegan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Eileen Gage has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her family, friends and community at large; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Eileen Gage has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eileen Gage upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award by Happiness House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Gage.