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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ann Prusinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by The Professional Women of Sullivan County

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, Ann Prusinski 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 Ann Prusinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by The Professional Women of Sullivan County, celebrated at its Woman of the Year Dinner, on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at the Eagle's Nest, Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1919, the mission of Professional Women of Sullivan County, Inc. (PWSC) is to promote New York State women as participants in the workforce, support of pay equity, and encourage economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, PWSC, Inc. provides its members with programs designed to enhance their knowledge and awareness of community, political, and health issues; they work together to advance the personal, professional, and political development of its members and work at providing a vital link to other working women in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Ann Prusinski grew up in Mountain Dale, New York, with her close-knit family; she graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in Fallsburg, New York, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Theater from Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, A six-week college credit tour of Europe and the Middle East in 1979, piqued Ann Prusinski's interest in travel; she became a tour guide for Cosmos/Globus Gateway and led tours of America for British tourists; and

WHEREAS, Ann Prusinski then went on to become a partner in Umbrella Singles and Stardust Dance Productions, two companies which sold out numerous events in multiple hotels year round; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Ann Prusinski held the positions of both Town Clerk and Tax Collector for two terms; she was elected to the Fallsburg Town Board where she proudly served for 14 years as the only woman ever to be elected to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Active within her community, Ann Prusinski has been involved in numerous associations such as the Sullivan County Visitors Association, Sullivan Renaissance, Sullivan County SPCA, Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Board, the Federation for the Homeless, and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; in addition, she served as Secretary for We the People, an organization created to advocate on behalf of open government and the repeal of tax exempt laws; and

WHEREAS, For three years, Ann Prusinski was an actor for the Safe Passages Program in which she performed presentations which exposed myths surrounding domestic violence; most recently, she became involved in Guiding Eyes and, in the future, hopes to raise a puppy that will become a service animal; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her career and community endeavors, Ann Prusinski still enjoys traveling and recently traveled to Morocco, Iceland, and Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, Ann Prusinski has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ann Prusinski has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; 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 Ann Prusinski upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Woman of the Year Award by The Professional Women of Sullivan County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ann Prusinski.