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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Maggie Sherwood posthumously upon the occasion of the Capital Area Council of Churches dedicating the lounge of its Emergency Overflow Shelter in her honor

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals it wishes to recognize for having given their time and energies to serve the best interests of their communities and to publicly acknowledge their service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Maggie Sherwood posthumously upon the occasion of the Capital Area Council of Churches dedicating the lounge of its Emergency Overflow Shelter in her honor; a dedication ceremony was held at the First Lutheran Church in Albany, New York, on Thursday, January 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Overflow Shelter is operated by the Capital Area Council of Churches and is located at the First Lutheran Church in Albany, New York; the shelter was established in 2001 and is open from mid-November to April; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Emergency Overflow Shelter is to be a refuge of last resort during the coldest months of the year; it provides simple hospitality, including a bed and a meal on a daily basis to serve those with no other shelter options in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Sherwood was very dedicated to the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter during her life; she was one of the first volunteers for the shelter through the Capital Area Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman selflessly spent time at the shelter serving as a monitor, and also washed clothes and served meals for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Maggie Sherwood reached out to her community to

support the shelter by recruiting volunteers and seeking contributions to keep its doors open; she also sat on the emergency shelter oversight committee for several years until the time of her death; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Sherwood was a friend to all of the Emergency Overflow Shelter volunteers, as well as those guests who sought shelter under its roof; 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 Maggie Sherwood posthumously upon the occasion of the Capital Area Council of Churches dedicating the lounge of its Emergency Overflow Shelter in her honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Maggie Sherwood.