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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Shea upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Shea upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Community Auction on Saturday, May 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Working together to feed the hungry since 1979, The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of 53 food pantries located in Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties; annually, The Food Pantries helps fund, collect and deliver nearly 2 million pounds of food for its member pantries, which provides approximately 2.5 million meals; and

WHEREAS, The Food Pantries for the Capital District supports its member pantries by providing service coordination, education, training, opportunities for networking, infant needs and holiday meal programs; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer with Cathedral Parish Social Services for the past 40 years, Joseph Shea has selflessly contributed his time and energies to helping others and is a shining example of the spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Shea faithfully and graciously serves those within his

community by stocking pantry shelves, serving hungry guests, and making home deliveries to those in need; he is willing to come to serve the hungry whenever the food pantry is short-handed; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joseph Shea has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joseph Shea has displayed throughout his 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 Joseph Shea upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Shea.