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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peg Spain Murtagh for her leadership and service to Joseph's House & Shelter

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, Peg Spain Murtagh 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 Peg Spain Murtagh for her leadership and service to Joseph's House & Shelter which was celebrated at its Winter Walk and Love Thy Neighbor Festival Kick-off Gala on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's House & Shelter is a Troy community based not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to prevent and alleviate homelessness; its programs offer emergency shelter, permanent housing, support services, hospitality and guidance to homeless individuals, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's House & Shelter offers non-judgmental services where each guest's dignity and worth are recognized and respected; the corporation guides its guests in getting help from community agencies, and acts as an advocate for the homeless to address immediate and long term needs; and

WHEREAS, For several decades, Peg Spain Murtagh has provided leadership and service to Joseph's House & Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1983, Peg Spain Murtagh was an original volunteer of Joseph's House & Shelter; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, Peg Spain Murtagh assumed the role of

Executive Director of Joseph's House & Shelter; she was instrumental in helping keep its doors open during demanding times; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this exceptional woman led the agency through transitions which poised it for an expansion in services; and

WHEREAS, Peg Spain Murtagh 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, Peg Spain Murtagh has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Peg Spain Murtagh has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Peg Spain Murtagh for her leadership and service to Joseph's House & Shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peg Spain Murtagh.