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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Christine Miles Kelliher upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children on May 1, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life of the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Christine Miles Kelliher 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, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Christine Miles Kelliher upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children, to be celebrated at the 7th Annual SCCCript & SCCGreen Gala - South Pacific, on Friday, May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 1886, a group of Roman Catholic nuns, the Daughters of Charity, opened a home for sick orphans at historic Schuyler Mansion in the city of Albany, New York; in 1913, the orphanage was moved to 40 North Main Avenue, and was officially named the St. Catherine's Center for Children; and

WHEREAS, St. Catherine's Center for Children provides a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families it serves; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff of St. Catherine's Center is pleased to recognize long-time friend, Christine Miles Kelliher for her steadfast support for Albany institutions that make the Capital Region a better

place to live; her lifelong commitment to organizations that contribute to the enhancement of life for so many people, in business, human services and the arts, is worthy of special honor; and

WHEREAS, A native of Hanover, Indiana, Christine Miles Kelliher earned her Bachelor's degree in Art History from Boston University, Massachusetts; she then obtained her Master's degree in American Culture from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Christine Miles Kelliher furthered her education by attending the Museum Management Institute of the Getty Foundation at the University of California at Berkeley, and was a Fellow of the Winterthur Summer Institute at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Christine Miles Kelliher began her career in New York City, at the Museum of the City of New York; she was subsequently employed at several different museums including the Whitney Museum of American Art, South Street Seaport Museum, and The Octagon Museum of the American Institute of Architects Foundation; and

WHEREAS, She then went on to hold the title of Director of the Fraunces Tavern Museum, before moving to Albany, New York, where she was hired to the position of Director of the Albany Institute of History & Art, a job she held from 1986 through her retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Christine Miles Kelliher has been a member of numerous Boards of Directors, including the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau, WMHT Public Television, Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, University at Albany Foundation, Albany Local Development Corporation, Capitalize Albany, Sage President's Council, and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council; today, she continues to be an active member of many of these vital organizations; and

WHEREAS, Christine Miles Kelliher served as Past President of the Museum Association of New York State and the Gallery Association of New York State; in addition, she participated on funding panels for the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts,

and Institute of Museum and Library Services, as well as the New York State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Christine Miles Kelliher 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, This remarkable woman is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Partner in Lifelong Living Award from Excelsior College, the Good Patroon Award by the Albany Roundtable, and the Women of Excellence Award from the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Christine Miles Kelliher has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband, John Kelliher, who feels privileged to be a part of her life and rejoices in her achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Christine Miles Kelliher upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Catherine's Center for Children on May 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christine Miles Kelliher.