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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Michele Carter upon the occasion of stepping down as Director of the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry after more than 25 years of invaluable service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michele Carter upon the occasion of stepping down as Director of the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry after more than 25 years of invaluable service, to be celebrated with an Open House on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Warwick United Methodist Church, Warwick, New York; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion to help those in need, Michele Carter has been involved in the work of the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry for more than two decades, serving as its Director for many of those years; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Michele Carter, the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry has grown tremendously from a closet in the Pastor's office, to a large room with shelving located in the Warwick United Methodist Church, serving 250 to 300 families per month; and

WHEREAS, Through this expansion, more volunteers have come forward to give of their time and energies, and the pantry now provides Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets, as well as a Christmas toy and clothing collection for children; and

WHEREAS, As Director of the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry, Michele Carter has been instrumental in establishing a partnership with St. Anthony's Hospital and a delivery service for homebound seniors; she also obtained a freezer to store meats, cheeses and other perishable donations; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community, Michele Carter served as a foster parent for many years to local children; furthermore, on August 22, 2013, she was crowned "Queen for a Day" during the Warwick Merchants' Ladies Night Out; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her late husband, Charlie, with her throughout have been her six children, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michele Carter has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michele Carter upon the occasion of stepping down as Director of the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry after more than 25 years of invaluable service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michele Carter.