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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Travers Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mary Travers Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy by the United States Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19 to April 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award was presented to Mary Travers Murphy in recognition of her sincere commitment to public awareness, expanded outreach, easy access to services and work to find innovative solutions for those affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director of the Erie County Family Justice Center, Mary Travers Murphy has been giving victims and survivors of abuse protection, hope and a way forward since she was named to this esteemed position in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Located in Buffalo, New York, the Family Justice Center of Erie County was established in 2006, providing a one-stop center for women and children to access free services; this Western New York location was chosen as one of 15 sites in the United States awarded funding through the U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Mary Travers Murphy, the Family Justice Center of Erie County expanded its reach beyond the urban center to provide satellite offices in the northern and southern suburbs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mary Travers Murphy is working with law enforcement and the Erie County Family Court to provide on-site video conferencing services at the center satellite sites to allow victims to receive an order of protection the same day he or she asks for help; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mary Travers Murphy 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 Mary Travers Murphy has displayed throughout her 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 Mary Travers Murphy upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Travers Murphy.