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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Marsha Weissman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Center for Community Alternatives on June 15, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Marsha Weissman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Center for Community Alternatives to be celebrated with a party held in her honor on Monday, June 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The founder and Executive Director of the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), Marsha Weissman holds a Ph.D. in Social Science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, CCA provides alternatives to incarceration and reentry programs for adults and youth in the juvenile and criminal justice systems; Justice Strategies, CCA's policy division, draws upon CCA's direct service experience to advance justice system reform; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marsha Weissman is the author of several publications including: UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF REENTRY THROUGH REINTEGRATIVE JUSTICE in Immerglieu and Fehr (eds.), Pathways for Offender Reentry, American Correctional Association, 2012; THE USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: RECONSIDERED; ASPIRING TO THE IMPRACTICAL: ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN THE ERA OF MASS INCARCERATION, NYU LAW SCHOOL REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE 2009, CONTRADICTIONS AND CHALLENGES: CAN COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVES AVOID CO-OPTATION? in Nagel and Asumah (eds.), Prisons and Punishment: Reconsidering Global Penalty, Africa World Press, 2006; and PRELUDE TO PRISON: YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE was published by Syracuse

University Press in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Dr. Marsha Weissman serves on the New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration, and in the past has served on the Executive Committee of "Work for Success," an initiative created by Governor Cuomo to improve employment prospects for people with criminal history records; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Dr. Marsha Weissman and youth from CCA's juvenile justice programs testified before the U.N. Committee to End Racial Discrimination about disparities in the U.S. juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was also a member of the New York State Task Force on Transforming Juvenile Justice and now serves on the Syracuse City School District Task Force to Revise the Code of Conduct; currently, she is on the Boards of the New York State Defenders Association and the National HIRE Network, and is on the Coordinating Committee for the Dignity in Schools Campaign; furthermore, she is a past Board member of the Sentencing Project; and

WHEREAS, As founder and Executive Director, Dr. Marsha Weissman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to CCA; and

WHEREAS, She served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, which earned her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; 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 Dr. Marsha Weissman upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Center for Community Alterna-

tives, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Marsha Weissman.