

2015-J2858

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Community Ally Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation on June 18, 2015

WHEREAS, Labor unions, through the integrity and dedication of their leadership, have assumed an essential and integral role in ensuring the welfare, safety and economic stability of the workers of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the efforts of those individuals who distinguish themselves in service to the cause of working men and women in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Community Ally Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation, to be celebrated at its 10th Annual Appreciation Gala on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sara Niccoli earned her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany, and received her Master of Public Administration from the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service at New York University; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to advocating for poor and working people, Sara Niccoli has held the position of fundraising and management consultant with numerous national social justice groups, including Families United for Racial and Economic Equality, CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities, the Pratt Center for Community Development, the Center for Third World Organizing, and Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Sara Niccoli served as Director of Development and Communi-

cations at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services; in this capacity, she was responsible for securing the agency's significant budget; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Sara Niccoli held the title of Assistant Director of Development at the Fifth Avenue Committee, Inc., a community-based social service and advocacy organization in South Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Sara Niccoli holds the esteemed position of Executive Director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, building a united movement for living wages, fair share taxation, and strong public sector services, such as quality education; and

WHEREAS, Under her luminous leadership, the Labor-Religion Coalition recently played a key role in organizing the largest wage increase in New York's history for tipped workers, the lowest paid employees in the State; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Sara Niccoli happily lives on a small farm with her husband Sean, daughter Olive, mother-in-law Pat, and a raucous band of sheep, goats, horses, dogs, and barncats; and

WHEREAS, Fighting for social and economic justice is a way of life for Sara Niccoli; she has rendered dedicated, faithful, conscientious and valuable service to hard-working men and women throughout the Capital Region, serving with loyalty, honor and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sara Niccoli upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Community Ally Award by the Capital District Area Labor Federation on June 18, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sara Niccoli.