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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Katherine Saunders, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community, their profession, and their heritage served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Saunders of Glens Falls, New York, died on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born September 10, 1934 in Denver, Colorado, Katherine Saunders, affectionately known as Kay, attended public school as well as Gerry and Margy O'Niels Personality School, a school for theater; she was a Girl Scout in Troop 55 in Sodus, New York, and graduated from Sodus High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Kay Saunders moved to Glens Falls, New York with her husband in 1958; she began her illustrious political career in the late 1970s, during which time she managed the district office of a state assemblywoman; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed woman was a talk show host on WBZA-AM radio in Glens Falls for several years in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Dubbed as Glens Falls' Chief Ambassador, Kay Saunders served on the city Common Council for 16 years, eight years as 3rd Ward Councilwoman and eight years as Councilwoman-At-Large; during her tenure she was instrumental in keeping local government from becoming divisive; and

WHEREAS, Active in the community she so ably served, Kay Saunders was past treasurer of Warren County Children's Committee, devoted member of Glens Falls Kiwanis Club and chair of the Interclub Committee; she was also a member of all local museums, Feeder Canal Alliance, Mystic

Seaport, South Street Seaport, Fort Edward Historical Society and the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, Proud of her ancestry, Kay Saunders was a member of the Albany Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants, Jane McCrea Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, and an At-Large member of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, An avid sports fan, Kay Saunders served on the Sports Promotion Committee of the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Glens Falls Civic Center Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she was a charter member and past board member of the Adirondack Red Wings Booster Club, past president of the White Sox Booster Club and Glens Falls Tigers Booster Club; she was also a season ticket holder for numerous local sports; and

WHEREAS, Kay Saunders lived her life by the belief that one must be knowledgeable about their past, active in their present and concerned and willing to work for their future; her wit and her passion for the community will truly be missed by all those who were lucky enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kay Saunders was sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked; committed to her community, the people she represented, her State, and her Nation, she served her public with dignity, dedication and incisive wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and meritorious life of service on behalf of others, Kay Saunders was a woman of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her parents, Carroll Walker Kelley, Martha Pauline Kelley (Burden), and her stepfather, James D. Burden, Kay Saun-

ders is survived by her loving husband of nearly 62 years, Richard; her three beautiful children, Richard (Lynn), Craig (Marguerite) and Elizabeth (Scott); beloved grandchildren, Richard (Caroline), Ian and Jacob

(Morgan); as well as her step-grandchildren, Lauren (John) and Eric; her brother, Carroll (Georgia); and several nieces and nephews; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Kay Saunders leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Katherine Saunders, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Katherine Saunders.