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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ruth A. Bowles upon the occasion of being elected as President of the Council on Addictions of New York State

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ruth A. Bowles upon the occasion of being elected as President of the Council on Addictions of New York State; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2016, Ruth A. Bowles, Executive Director of the Rockland Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependence, Inc. began her tenure as President of the Council on Addictions of New York State

(CANYS), working to serve those affected by substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, Ruth A. Bowles earned her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York, and is a New York State Credentialed Prevention Professional (CPP-G) with a specialty in problem gambling; in addition, she serves as a New York State Certified Addiction Recovery Coach (CARC), and as a Trainer for the New York State Recovery Coach Academy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her illustrious 20 year career in the field of substance use disorders, Ruth A. Bowles has extensively trained on all issues of addiction both locally and statewide; subsequently, she was appointed by the Commissioner of New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to serve on the Community Advisory Board for both Blaisdell and Richard C. Ward Addiction Treatment Centers; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman is also a member of the steering committee of Rockland County Family Treatment Court, and the Rockland County District Attorney's Heroin/Opiate Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for her expertise and dedication to helping people who struggle with addiction, Ruth A. Bowles has received several awards and accolades including the Woman of the Year Award for her development of a substance abuse prevention coalition in the Highland Falls community, the 2005 Orange County Prevention Professional of the Year Award, and the 2008 Service Award by the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Council of Orange County, as well as the 2013 New York State Problem Gambling Prevention Professional of the Year Award by the Commissioner of OASAS; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, shortly after the tragic events of 9/11 unfolded, Ruth A. Bowles was hired to be an outreach coordinator with Project Liberty (FEMA), and subsequently, received numerous awards for her work; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of her duties and responsibilities, Ruth A. Bowles' ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in her community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her exceptional career, she has continuously displayed initiative and an unrelenting commitment when pursuing the highest of goals, and has served as a role model of leadership to be emulated by all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ruth A. Bowles upon the occasion of being elected as President of the Council on Addictions of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth A. Bowles.