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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy to be celebrated at its 17th Annual Evening of Mercy Gala on May 10, 2016, at The Yale Club of New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy work passionately to eliminate poverty, the widespread denial of human rights, the degradation of earth, the increase in violence and racism, the continued oppression of women, the abuse of children, the mistreatment of immigrants and the lack of solidarity among people and nations; and

WHEREAS, A National of Ireland, Sister Deirdre Mullan comes from Derry in Northern Ireland, where she served as a teacher for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Involved in Education for Mutual Understanding, Sister Deirdre Mullan coordinated the Dance Beyond Hate, working with students from across the divide in Northern Ireland in an effort to teach tolerance and acceptance of difference; and

WHEREAS, Sister Deirdre Mullan held the esteemed position of Executive Director of the Sisters of Mercy office at the United Nations for 10

years before assuming her present role as a liaison to UNICEF in the Partnering with Religious Congregations office in New York; and WHEREAS, In this capacity, Sister Deirdre Mullan enthusiastically worked to raise significant funds to bring Sisters of Mercy from across the globe through the Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice program; and

WHEREAS, Sister Deirdre Mullan earned her PhD in the Feminization of Poverty and is actively involved in girls education working closely with the Mercy Secondary Network; she also coordinated the building of schools, and provided scholarships and safe water to residents of Cambodia, Sudan, Peru, Zambia and Kenya as well as Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, A passionate educator, Sister Deirdre Mullan is closely involved in the Education Under Attack Office at the United Nations, where she closely monitors the rising tide of attacks on girls attending school; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Sister Deirdre Mullan has published several booklets and has given lectures all over the world; her most recent publication, THE MERCY GPS - OUR GLOBAL POSITIONING FOR 2016 has sold over 62,000 copies; 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 commend Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD.