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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Laurette J. Pitts upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Laurette J. Pitts has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Laurette J. Pitts upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Hammonton High School in Atlantic County, New Jersey, Laurette J. Pitts earned her Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Stockton State College in Pomona, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Laurette J. Pitts furthered her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Business Administration from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-three years ago, Laurette J. Pitts began her career with Empire Resorts, parent company of Monticello Casino and Raceway, as Chief Financial Officer; today, she also holds the leadership positions of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, In this role, Laurette J. Pitts enjoys getting to know her guests and mentoring her employees; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives and works, Laurette J. Pitts has been a vital member of several non-profit boards of directors, and likes to help out at local events in Sullivan, Pike

and Wayne Counties; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working at Monticello Casino and Raceway, Laurette J. Pitts enjoys skiing in the winter and spending time with her family on Lake Wallenpaupack during the summer; she also takes pleasure in watching her children's various sporting and musical events; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 21 years, David, her two children, Shane and Hayley; all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Laurette J. Pitts has displayed throughout her life; 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 Laurette J. Pitts upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT honoring the 2015 Professional Women and Women in Business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laurette J. Pitts.