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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Catherine Crumlish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Crumlish has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Catherine Crumlish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children to be celebrated at its Annual Partners in Mercy Luncheon on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Children, located in Brooklyn, New York, was founded in 1862, by the Sisters of Mercy, and is a non-profit social service agency specializing in residential and supportive programs for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Mercy Home for Children assures the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through the recognition of each person's inherent dignity and absolute right to a life filled with learning and love; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Crumlish is being presented with this illustrious award in recognition of her outstanding commitment, generosity and dedication to the mission of Mercy Home for Children; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Crumlish, affectionately known as Sister Kay, has

been with Mercy Home since 1980, first as an assistant manager and finally as the agency's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Sister Kay worked with her team to expand the network of group homes from five to 13, created two Creative Arts Programs for children with autism and special challenges, developed Saturday Respite Programs for teens and adults as a way to help families, and initiated the Medicaid Service Coordination program that families appreciate so much; and

WHEREAS, Sister Kay was first a teacher, earning a Master's Degree from Hunter, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis College; and

WHEREAS, She taught at Holy Rosary and St. Pius X elementary schools and co-founded a Junior High School in Brooklyn in collaboration with parents in the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Sister Kay has been profiled in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS and NEWSDAY; but perhaps her greatest honor has been to participate with all the men and women of Mercy Home as she watched them grow and mature from childhood to the wonderful adults they are today; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Catherine Crumlish upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Woman of Mercy Award by Mercy Home for Children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Catherine Crumlish.