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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peggy and Leo Hetling upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Volunteers of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District on May 7, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peggy and Leo Hetling upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Volunteers of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Community Auction on Saturday, May 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Working together to feed the hungry since 1979, The Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of 53 food pantries located in Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties; annually, The Food Pantries helps fund, collect and deliver nearly 2 million pounds of food for its member pantries, which provides approximately 2.5 million meals; and

WHEREAS, The Food Pantries for the Capital District supports its member pantries by providing service coordination, education, training, opportunities for networking, infant needs and holiday meal programs; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers with St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center Food Pantry for over 20 years, Peggy and Leo Hetling have selflessly contributed their time and energies to helping others and are a shining example of the spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, An efficient team, Peggy and Leo Hetling have faithfully and

graciously served those within their community by organizing, interviewing and entering information on the computer for the holiday program at St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center Food Pantry; with a friendly smile and positive attitude, they are always ready and willing to lend a hand when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peggy Hetling serves as the Pantry's Receptionist twice a month and sorts and packs produce for homebound clients, as well as helps at the Welcome Table; computer savvy, Leo Hetling keeps the database up to date, and problem solves technical issues; he also works on various fundraising events such as Friend's Appeal; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Peggy and Leo Hetling have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Peggy and Leo Hetling have displayed throughout their lives; 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 honor Peggy and Leo Hetling upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Volunteers of the Year Award by The Food Pantries for the Capital District on May 7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peggy and Leo Hetling.