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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eunice Antonucci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eunice Antonucci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities

to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in a large family in Cohoes, New York, Eunice Antonucci, from a young age, had a passion for helping people; her illustrious career began in direct care; she earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and pursued that profession for several years before moving on to earn a second Bachelor's degree in Human and Community Services from SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, Eunice Antonucci was actively involved in human services in the Capital Region for more than 50 years; she was instrumental in the establishment of the first residential home for individuals with disabilities, now under the Center for Disability Services umbrella, where she still serves on the governing board; and

WHEREAS, Serving under former Mayor Ronald Canestrari for many years, Eunice Antonucci helped restore St. John's Church, which is now the Cohoes Public Library; she was also on the board of the Cohoes Senior Center when they opened their doors in their current location; and

WHEREAS, For 27 years, Eunice Antonucci owned and operated Smith's Restaurant in Cohoes with her late husband, Frances, and her three children; she did not formally retire until she was 85 years old; and

WHEREAS, Today, this esteemed woman continues to volunteer every Thursday at the Unity House to help feed the homeless in the City of Troy; when she is not volunteering or spending time with her family, she enjoys playing bridge with her friends at the Cohoes Multi-Service Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Eunice Antonucci has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 Eunice Antonucci upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eunice Antonucci.