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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sister Joan Byrne upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Joan Byrne upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan Byrne works tirelessly for seniors by encouraging the development and preservation of affordable housing for seniors; and

WHEREAS, A member of the DePaul Housing Management Corporation Board of Directors, Sister Joan Byrne provides countless hours of service and

has been instrumental in DePaul's growth to become a place where thousands of seniors find affordable, high quality senior housing; and

WHEREAS, Sister Joan Byrne has always encouraged DePaul Housing Management Corporation to focus on its housing mission, while exploring new ways to help its senior residents live as well as they can; she has served as a Board officer, and is an active member of the strategic planning committees; and

WHEREAS, Born in Washington, D.C., Sister Joan Byrne worked for the FBI before being called to religious life, faithfully living as a Sister of the Holy Names for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, At St. Vincent's Parish in Albany, New York, Sister Joan Byrne has collaborated with the City to address the need for senior housing; this collaboration led to the re-opening of Vincentian Institute as St. Vincent's Apartments; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, since 1979, Sister Joan Byrne has been part of the development of 15 senior communities sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sister Joan Byrne has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, Sister Joan Byrne, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Joan Byrne upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Joan Byrne.