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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Debbie Cornall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sharing the Light Award by Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes on June 16, 2016

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, Debbie Cornall 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 honor Debbie Cornall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sharing the Light Award by Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, to be celebrated at its Annual Sharing the Light Award Dinner on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Cornall 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, A lifelong resident of the Finger Lakes Region, Debbie Cornall attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School, Cayuga Community College and Cayuga-Onondaga School of Nursing; she has been employed by Auburn Memorial Hospital and by the office of Stanley N. Gutelius, M.D.; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Debbie Cornall is a Faith Formation teacher at Sacred Heart Church, and an ESL teacher for Haitian workers in the King Ferry Migrant Farmworkers project; she has also participated in the pillowcase dress project for girls in Guatemala, and was involved with the Sexual Assault Victims Advocacy Program (SAVAR); and

WHEREAS, In addition, her work with Chapel House, a homeless shelter located in Auburn, New York, led Debbie Cornall to pursue her dream of opening her own shelter; she established Daylight House, a temporary residential facility created to serve homeless women and children, where she was able to support those in need; and

WHEREAS, While her son was serving overseas, Debbie Cornall developed the Child to Child project, mobilizing her Auburn community and collecting generous donations of school supplies, clothing, diapers, shoes and food to send to the children of a small community in Iraq; the project was included in the book, MOVED BY FAITH, STORIES FROM AMERICAN CATHOLIC RADIO; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her four children, Joseph (Lisa), Mary (David), Christopher and Ryan, as well as her two grandchildren, Jonas and Jonathan, 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 Debbie Cornall 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 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 Debbie Cornall upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the Sharing the Light Award by the Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes on June 16, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debbie Cornall.