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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the recipients of the LeadingAge New York 2016 Long Term Care Employees of Distinction Awards

WHEREAS, Employees of New York's not-for-profit, mission-driven and public providers strive to improve the quality of life for New York's elderly and chronically disabled, thereby meriting the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to congratulate the activity aides, directors, nursing assistants, plant operations managers, social workers, environmental services workers, housekeepers, recreation therapy leaders, program development managers, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and support aides, who have been nominated by their peers, supervisors and management personnel to receive this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1961, LeadingAge New York, formerly the New York Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, under the leadership of James W. Clyne Jr., is the only statewide organization representing the entire continuum of not-for-profit, mission-driven and public senior living and services, including nursing homes, home care agencies, senior housing, retirement communities, assisted living, adult care facilities, adult day health care and managed long term care; and

WHEREAS, LeadingAge New York's more than 500 not-for-profit, mission-driven and public provider members serve an estimated 500,000 New Yorkers of all ages annually; and

WHEREAS, LeadingAge New York's Long Term Care Employee of Distinction program recognizes those who deal with the staffing crisis in long term care on a daily basis, while successfully facing the challenge of providing quality care; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of recognition include: Rebecca Baker, Heritage Commons; Odessa Mitchell, St. Margaret's Center; Laurie Wetsel, The Wesley Community; Diane Garcia, St. Luke Health Services; Bertha Nugent, Presbyterian Home for Central New York, Inc.; Kathy Welch, Presbyterian Home for Central New York, Inc.; Virginia Kelty, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center; Todd Healy, Kendal on Hudson; Althea Burton, Schulman and Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation; Roberta Kosiorowski, Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation; Penny Newman, St. Mary's Hospital for Children; Veronica Lay, Hill Haven Transitional Care; Marizela Mehanovic, Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Melanie Hackett, Chase Rehabilitation and Residential Care; and Austin Hines, Long Island State Veterans Home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the men and women of New York State who, day after day, perform their jobs in an exemplary manner making them worthy of recognition by LeadingAge New York's 2016 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned honorees.