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Senate Resolution No. 3077

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Executive Director Sister Paulette
LoMonaco upon the occasion of her retirement after
50 years of distinguished service to Good Shepherd
Services

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life
in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the
faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their
energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full
recognition and just tribute to those individuals and organizations
which distinguish themselves through their unremitting commitment and
service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor
Executive Director Sister Paulette LoMonaco upon the occasion of her
retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to Good Shepherd
Services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco rendered faithful, conscientious
and valuable service to Good Shepherd Services, earning the admiration,
esteem and affection of her fellow sisters and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A leading youth development, education and family service agency, Good Shepard Services works with 30,000 children, youth and families annually; and

WHEREAS, Under Sister Paulette LoMonaco's esteemed leadership, Good Shepard Services has become one of New York City's most respected youth service providers; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Sister Paulette LoMonaco served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; throughout her tenure, the agency has addressed emerging needs by piloting innovative models that can be used more broadly to inform policy debates and enhance outcomes for youth within NYC and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco was a founding member of the Neighborhood Family Services Coalition, and she has served on numerous boards and government advisory boards including the Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation, the Human Services Council, the Council of Family and Children Caring Agencies and SCO Family of Services; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco worked with the New York City Government to design the pilot after-school programs; she was also a force behind the development of transfer schools which offered adult schools a second chance at a good education; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco was also instrumental in altering policies in New York City's foster care system; she helped shift the

emphasis from removing children from troubled homes to supporting families so children can stay with their parents; and

WHEREAS, The success of Good Shepherd Services is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Sister Paulette LoMonaco, whose involvement over this past half-century is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of Good Shepherd Services and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco earned a master of arts in Family and Community Relations from Teachers College of Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in history/education from American International College; she completed Columbia University's Institute for Not-For-Profit Management in 1984 and has honorary doctorates from St. Francis College and Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, Sister Paulette LoMonaco is also a recipient of the Robin Hood Hero's Award, a Lewis Hine Award, and was selected by City & State as one of New York's 50 Over 50 and Power 100; she was also the winner of the inaugural New York Times Excellence Award for overall management excellence in 2007; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of Sister Paulette LoMonaco, who has devoted her life to the benevolent care of others with an overwhelming spirit of charity and love; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Executive Director Sister Paulette LoMonaco upon the occasion of her retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to Good Shepherd Services, and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Paulette LoMonaco.