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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara McGuinness upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Volunteerism Award by the Senior Services of Albany

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, Barbara McGuinness 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 Barbara McGuinness upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Volunteerism Award by the Senior Services of Albany, celebrated at its Third Age Achievement Awards Event on Friday, November 16, 2012; and WHEREAS, Barbara McGuinness 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 graduate of The University at Pittsburgh with a master's degree in Public Health, Barbara McGuinness also attended West Chester University where she received her bachelor's degree in Education, and Lenox Hill Hospital where she earned a diploma in Nursing; and WHEREAS, This exceptional woman has spent her life helping others through numerous avenues; and

WHEREAS, Barbara McGuinness has been an educator in Nursing, a staff Nurse, Clinical Supervisor at Cornell University NY Hospital, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Director of Physician Services for the New York State Department of Health/Office of Professional Medical Conduct; and

WHEREAS, Barbara McGuinness' varied background and career has allowed her to provide consulting services to organizations and individuals involved with and committed to the population of persons in need of long term care; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Barbara McGuinness serves on the Board of Directors at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center and Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Center; and WHEREAS, Moreover, Barbara McGuinness has volunteered as a grief counselor, provided home visits to those who are homebound, volunteered at St. Max Soup Kitchen and provided friendly visits to the hospital for members of First Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Barbara McGuinness 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 Barbara McGuinness 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 Barbara McGuinness upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2012 Volunteerism Award by the Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara McGuinness.