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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Convention Days Community Service Award

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, Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Convention Days Community Service Award, to be celebrated on Friday, July 20, 2012, at the Seneca Falls Historical Society, Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and WHEREAS, Sue Ellen Crego attended Gulf Park College for Women in Mississippi, where she received an associate's degree in clothing design; from there, she enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Louisville Dental School and graduated in 1971; and WHEREAS, A graduate of the Manlius School, Reverend Peter Crego went on to Springfield College, Massachusetts, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology; he later entered Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Immediately following graduation, Reverend Peter Crego entered the United States Naval Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island, for training; he received an Ensign Commission in the Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ellen and Peter Crego met while both in school in Louisville at a party hosted by a mutual friend; they were married on September 4, 1971, in the Methodist Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and WHEREAS, On March 1, 1982, Sue Ellen and Peter Crego moved into the Seneca Falls Presbyterian Church's Manse and stayed for 25 years, the longest pastorate on record for the church; Sue Ellen worked as a Dental Hygienist for Dr. Fred Riegel for a number of years; and WHEREAS, Valued and involved members of the community, Sue Ellen and Reverend Peter Crego have actively served the Seneca Falls community in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ellen Crego was active as a board member for Family Counseling; she helped to raise funds for the former Traylor Brown Hospital and served as a public relations promoter for Celebrate 98 activities held in the church; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Sue Ellen Crego is a member of the Seneca County Children's Committee and serves as a Hospice Volunteer; she also served as an Elder in the church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Peter Crego was named president of C.A.U.S.E. (Citizens for an Appropriate Use to save the site of the memorial to Eisenhower College); and

WHEREAS, Reverend Crego's other involvement has included serving on the Pre Trial Diversion Program for Seneca County and as President of Rotary, Seneca County Nutrition Committee, Council of Church's, ARC Board, House of Concern Board, and the Red Cross Board; and

WHEREAS, The Cregos are both very involved with the Seneca Falls Historical Society, the Meals on Wheels program and Hospice; and WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2012 Convention Days Community Service Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Peter Crego and Sue Ellen Crego.