

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anita Manley for her distinguished volunteer service and sincere dedication to the mission of the American Cancer Society

WHEREAS, Genuinely concerned for the welfare of others, Anita Manley has assumed an active role in her community, contributing to the opportunities for those in need, through her compassionate efforts and active membership in the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anita Manley for her distinguished volunteer service and sincere dedication to the mission of the American Cancer Society to be celebrated at its Birthday Bash at The Powelton Club in Newburgh, New York, on Saturday, June 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Together with its millions of supporters, the American Cancer Society (ACS) saves lives and creates a world with less cancer and more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back; the American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem; headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the ACS has 12 chartered Divisions, more than 900 local offices nationwide, and a presence in more than 5,100 communities; and

WHEREAS, Anita Manley grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, and in 1966, relocated to New York; after retiring as a public relations coordinator for a statewide labor union, she was diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Following nearly a year of surgery and treatment, Anita Manley knew she wanted to offer comfort and hope to other cancer patients facing similar hardships; and

WHEREAS, After participating in her local Relay of Life and Making Strides walk, Anita Manley signed on to join the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program and later trained as a Patient Navigator; and

WHEREAS, As a Navigator, Anita Manley visits Hudson Valley Hematology and Oncology in Fishkill, New York, once a week to talk to patients and offer them important information and much needed support; and

WHEREAS, Anita Manley is often referred to as a cheerleader by the patients at the oncology practice she visits; they look forward to seeing her and appreciate her efforts in keeping their spirits up; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with ACS, Anita Manley is the co-founder and coordinator of the Town of Newburgh Friends of Seniors, a volunteer organization that provides seniors transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping; the volunteers, who are fully trained and screened, also provide friendly visits to homebound seniors at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Anita Manley serves on both the Orange County Mental Health Association's Cultural Equity Task Force and the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Anita Manley, along with her husband David, brings home delivered meals to seniors once a week; in her spare time, she enjoys visiting with and spoiling her many grandchildren; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, and five children, Scott, Elaine, Denise, Deborah, and David, Jr., as well as 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a

long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anita Manley for her distinguished volunteer service and sincere dedication to the mission of the American Cancer Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita Manley.