

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating July 1, 2011, as the 68th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, and honoring the women who served in the Corps

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our unique history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Organizations which have served the interests of the people of the Nation and our great Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, who served our Nation so valiantly and honorably, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate July 1, 2011, as the 68th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, and honor the women who served in the Corps; and

WHEREAS, After the United States entered World War II, the demand for nurses increased dramatically, outstripping the supply and creating a nursing shortage; the instructional staff and the facilities of existing civilian schools of nursing needed to be strengthened; and

WHEREAS, In order to alleviate the critical shortage of nurses during the war, a plan was conceived so that nursing students would receive accelerated training, and their services would be used even while they were still in training; and

WHEREAS, On 29 March, 1943, Representative Frances P. Bolton of Ohio introduced a bill in the United States House of Representatives to establish a special government program to facilitate the training of nurses; this bill passed unanimously in the Congress and was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 15, 1943; it became effective as Public Law 74 on July 1, 1943; and

WHEREAS, The Cadet Nurse Corps (originally designated the "Victory Nurse Corps") was administered by the United States Public Health Service; the Division of Nurse Education was established to supervise the Cadet Nurse Corps and reported to the Surgeon General of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nursing schools throughout the United States joined the Cadet Nurse program; during the existence of the program from 1943 to 1948, 1,250 of the nation's nursing schools had participated, training 180,000 nurses; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, members of the Cadet Nurse Corps served on the home front providing nursing services in civilian and military hospitals, public health clinics and in the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, The legacy of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps is manifold; by replacing graduate nurses who had already entered into active duty in the Armed Forces, the Corps prevented the collapse of nursing care in hospitals throughout the United States, and veterans came home from the war to a strong health care system and were provided critical care by Cadet Nurses; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their skill, devotion and patriotism, members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps have demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York

for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, and to honor the women who served in the Corps; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate July 1, 2011, as the 68th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, and honor the women who served in the Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Kakos, Yonkers, New York.